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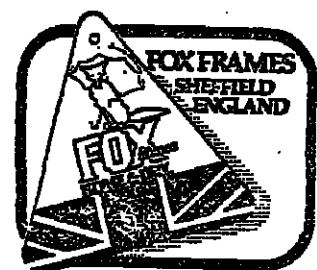
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## Soviet defector admits spying for CIA



Arcady Shevchenko - material on Cuba

From Jane Rosen in New York

A FORMER high ranking Soviet diplomat and United Nations bureaucrat, Mr. Arcady Shevchenko, who defected to the US in 1978, disclosed yesterday that he had been a spy for the CIA for three years, to prove his good faith to the Americans.

Mr. Shevchenko first asked the US for asylum in December 1978 while he was UN under-secretary general. Like all Soviet bureaucrats in the UN Secretariat, Mr. Shevchenko was responsible to the Soviet Foreign Office and was one of Mr. Andrei Gromyko's senior aides. He worked closely with Soviet diplomats in the US, Soviet party officials and the KGB, and was trusted by the Kremlin.

In an interview with Mike Wallace on American television early yesterday, Mr. Shevchenko said that he was "absolutely convinced" that the Soviet Union was not seeking a war with the US and that they "didn't intend to use nuclear weapons against the United States".

However, there was a period when the Soviet Union was considering the use of nuclear weapons against China. That was in 1969, but the then Soviet Defence Minister, Marshal Andrei Gromyko, was overruled by the majority of the Politburo.

## Congress asked to approve record \$330 billions for defence budget

# Reagan to treble star wars budget

From Alex Brummer in Washington

With the new Geneva arms talks just over a month away, President Reagan will ask Congress today to almost treble the research and development budget for his star wars defensive systems and to make an unprecedented investment in new strategic offensive weapons.

Mr. Reagan's decision to press ahead with a buildup in space and strategic weapons in his 1986 budget reflects his determination to enter the March arms talks from a strong position.

It is to ask Congress for \$37.7 billion to invest in the development of a Strategic Defence Initiative capable of protecting the US and its allies from Russian ballistic missiles. This request represents a sharp increase in the \$1.4 billion allocated for star wars defences in the current financial year.

Cruise deployment nearer in Belgium. Finns fail to identify Soviet missile, page 6.

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Some \$624 million are expected to be allocated for this weapons system in the new budget. In addition, Mr. Weinberger will be pressing for a further \$6.2 billion to build 48 more strategic B-1B bombers on top of the 24 being built this year.

Sparring over Mr. Reagan's proposal for a record peace-time defence budget authority of \$33.7 billion broke out yesterday ahead of the official presentation of the complete 1986 budget to Congress today. Mr. Reagan told a radio audience that he was not willing to countenance reductions in military spending or retrenchment in the defence budget.

He said his proposal for a \$33.7 billion budget, in which most of the savings would be found by cutting deeply into domestic commitments, was the result of "the most exhaustive effort ever made to rein in Government's chronic overspending". The \$51 billion in savings in Mr. Reagan's 1986 budget are largely being found by cuts in housing, education, and food programmes for the poor.

Yesterday, however, Mr. Reagan was challenged by the majority leader in the Senate, Mr. Robert Dole (Republican, Kansas), to shift the distribution of cuts to defence. He called on Mr. Reagan to accept a relatively modest three per cent increase in defence spending authority. This, he said, would entail a \$18 to \$20 billion cut in the \$51 billion being sought by Mr. Weinberger.



No relief: Ethiopian refugees in the Tukle hab camp near Kassala, Sudan, where they exist on famine relief, seen with a recent consignment from the United States of 6,000 pairs of jeans which are unwearable in the desert heat. Picture by Herbie Knott

## Rate-capped councils ready to offer Jenkin a compromise

By John Carvel, Local Government Correspondent

Leaders of the rebel rate-capped Labour councils will today offer a compromise to avoid an escalation of their confrontation at their first meeting with the Environment Secretary, Mr. Patrick Jenkin.

It is accepted that they will offer to draw back from their threat of illegal action, including a refusal to fix rates and a default on local authority debt.

The basis of their suggested deal is that both sides should return to the status quo pending an independent inquiry. Several of the council leaders take this to mean that they will offer to suspend plans for budget growth while the inquiry is going on.

Labour leaders of the 16 rate-capped councils, and by the nine other authorities which are heavily penalised under the grants system, who met in Birmingham during the party's annual local government conference at the weekend.

Amid attempts to keep their proposal a tightly guarded secret until today's talks with Mr. Jenkin, they agreed an eight-point package which they believe will oblige him to avoid confrontation.

Its main feature is a call for a commission of inquiry to be established to resolve the issue of the financing of local government services. Its members would be drawn equally from the local authority and central government sides, with an independent chairman. The commission would be told to report back in six months.

The councils believe that Mr. Jenkin will find it hard to reject the offer while maintaining the stance that he is acting reasonably. They will point to a mass of evidence from independent bodies such as the Audit Commission and last week's Department of the Environment - commissioned report from Cambridge University to show that the system is a mess - and needs to be overhauled.

Livingstone backs Kinnock stance, water rate revolt, page 3

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## 500 jobs go as Scottish pit faces close

By Jean Stand

The Frances colliery in Fife has been closed, with the loss of 500 jobs, and its neighbouring pit, Seaford, has had one of its faces closed in a double blow to the Scottish coalfield.

Frances's fate was announced at a press conference called hurriedly at the pit yesterday by Mr. Albert Wheeler, director of the Scottish National Coal Board, who said that Seaford's fate could be decided today.

Frances was one of the few profit-making pits in Scotland, and the NCB said before the miners' strike that its production could be guaranteed until well into the next century.

In Seaford's case the face likely to be closed produces about 50 per cent of the pit's total output. If a decision is taken to seal it off it is unlikely that the pit would stay open.

The NCB has decided that it is no longer able to control fires which have been raging in the pits since last Wednesday. It was considered wrong to keep safety teams down the pits any longer.

In a day of frantic activity to try to save the pits, Mr. Wheeler was at the collieries for most of the day. At midday he said that even if miners returned to work today they would probably find no jobs for them, because the pits have been sealed. Later his gloomy prediction was made official.

Frances and Seaford have both suffered from problems of spontaneous combustion, and both pits have deteriorated badly during the strike. Both have been facing the same problem for more than a year because of a manpower dispute even before the national strike started.

## This week Today

**THATCHER DEGREE**  
Once their world was sacrosanct; now the Oxford dons have been politicised. Hugo Young reflects on the honorary degree that Mrs Thatcher was never awarded. Page 12.

**HOUSEWIVES' CHOICE**  
Her race was numerous and proud, the scourge of greengrocers with heavy thumbs, and the mainstay of the PTA. Advertising executives crawled at her dainty feet. Today she stumbles towards extinction. Irma Kurtz, in the first of a four part series, considers the British Housewife. Guardian Women, page 18.

**BISHOP'S GATE**  
Should a bishop speak what is in his heart? Or should he think of the faithful and keep mum? Guardian Agenda examines the episcopal creed. Page 18.

**PLUS POSY**  
She's been on all the TV programmes. But her first didn't work. She's only got one with her own money!

## Tomorrow

**HARD TIMES**  
University researchers are living from hand to mouth. Perhaps this is more than you can say for some schoolchildren. school meals. Education Guardian examines two areas of frequent and bitter complaint.

## Wednesday

**DRUGS HAUL**  
Nearly one million prescriptions are written each day. How necessary are they? As Norman Fowler considers restricting the availability of drugs under the NHS, Society Tomorrow considers their place in society.

TUC aid

## Spending 'trials' on way out

By James Naughtie, Political Correspondent

Senior Ministers and Downing Street officials have begun work on finding an alternative to the star chamber as a means of settling expenditure disputes. It is a move which could have important implications for the Government's expenditure plans.

Viscount Whitelaw, who has chaired the star chamber and some subterfuge by ministers acting as advocates for their departments.

the Cabinet that they believed the system was no longer working efficiently.

It is argued that although such loyalties will always cause disputes, the form of the star chamber has exaggerated them in recent years.

On the other hand, most ministers would greatly resent effectively handing more power to Mrs Thatcher as an arbiter, given her reluctance to oppose the Treasury in its insistence on rigid adherence to agreed spending plans.

Downing Street officials are working with the ministers in an effort to find a new system in time for the autumn spending review. They will want a solution which reduces the opportunities for a minister to fight a well-publicised battle against the Treasury in the star chamber and claim a personal victory afterwards.

## Hitch in plan for release of Britons

By Martin Wainwright

FOUR Britons detained in Libya since last May are to be released this morning, Mr. Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, was told by Libyan foreign ministry officials in Tripoli yesterday.

However, the situation became confused when the Libyan news agency, Jana said last night that their release might be delayed.

## Scientists furious at planned job cuts

By Anthony Tucker, Science Correspondent

A corporate plan for the National Environment Research Council to be published next week is said to involve the loss of almost 1,000 jobs within the council's laboratories and institutes.

Those who have had access to the plan say it represents a serious weakening of long-term environmental research, the council's prime purpose, particularly as some of its reduced funds are used to plug gaps in short-term university research.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Tutu calls for action**  
BISHOP Desmond Tutu told the congregation at his enthronement as bishop of Johannesburg that he would call for punitive sanctions against South Africa unless the dismantling of apartheid began within two years. Page 4; Leader comment, page 12, picture back page.

## Unions under fire

THE Institute of Directors today calls for a further erosion of trade union immunity from civil actions for damages. Page 4.

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## New crime

INCEST by artificial insemination should become a criminal offence once a register of donors has been established. The Law Society recommends. Page 3.

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## Councillors urged to remain in office to fight Jenkin cuts

# Livingstone backs Kinnock stand on rates

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The purpose of Mr Livingstone's speech was to demonstrate a closing of ranks between the left and the parliamentary leaders after Mr Kinnock's poor reception at the conference on Friday night, and to chart a way forward for councils unlikely to get a majority for their declared tactic of refusing to fix a rate on March 7.

Mr Livingstone had told a Labour Herald fringe meeting on Saturday night that even if the vote on the no-rate option was lost at some council but get meetings the councils could carry on the fight.

"I am delighted that the party leadership has said we should stay in control. The way we shall survive after March 7 is completely different to the course followed by Labour councils in the past."

"We cannot simply confine the debate to the council chamber; we must take a degree of physical control of the council building and ensure that each department has a trade union committee working with the councillors to ensure that the services are delivered."

Mr Livingstone warned that council officers might begin secret programmes of cuts unless they were kept under firm political control.

He continued the argument in yesterday's conference debate by arguing that it would be pointless for unions to go on total strike against government policy unless they were able to strike against government's requirements for spending cuts.

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# Thatcher tries to repair Irish Forum rift

By Ian Aitken, Political Editor

Mrs Thatcher yesterday made her first move to repair the damage done by her last talks with Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Irish Prime Minister, and to lay the ground for an Anglo-Irish summit aimed at establishing the basis for a deal in Northern Ireland.

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## HOME NEWS

Study on 'oil well' idea after disused mine is ruled out

### Seabed schemes for N-waste to get priority

By Paul Brown

Plans to bury nuclear waste in the seabed round Britain's coasts using North Sea oil technology are to be given priority after the Government's decision not to use a disused mine at Billingham in Cleveland.

The nuclear industry's radioactive executive is to commission a feasibility study in the next few days. The plan, to get rid of intermediate level waste which remains dangerous for 5,000 years, involves sinking an "oil well" into the seabed and then placing sealed canisters of waste into the bore hole.

Theoretically it would be possible to retrieve the capsules. Such a well would be expected to cost around £200 million.

Although offshore options are now being given priority, Nirex is still considering other ideas. These are tunnelling under the sea from onshore, building a special depository underground on a greenfield site or finding another disused mine like that at Billingham.

The tunnelling option is not

favoured because there is no technology to borrow as with the "oil well" idea. The greenfield and mine ideas are guaranteed to produce fierce opposition, however remote the site.

The industry's plans to dispose of intermediate waste had been put back by at least a year because of the Billingham decision. But Nirex is pressing ahead with its scheme to build a depository for low-level waste.

The Government did not rule out the Bedfordshire site at Eilsow, but said that two additional sites must be found. Nirex is searching for two sites, probably on the Oxford clay which runs from the Wash to the Lime Bay. All the sites that could be chosen fall in Conservative constituencies.

Nirex hope to name the two new alternative sites by May or June, and press ahead with geological work.

The Bedfordshire site must remain favourable for the low level waste since it is owned by the Central Electricity Generating Board, which is anxious to dispose of the site and its waste.



LAUGHTER LINES: David Girt (Jolly Jack), left, reading the lesson yesterday at the 38th annual clowns' service at Holy Trinity Church, Dalston, east London. A wreath was laid on a memorial to Joseph Grimaldi, the father of modern clowns. Ron Moody received the badge of president of Clowns' International and there was a Children's show. Pictures by Frank Martin.

### Saving on YTS 'should be spent helping jobless'

The £100 million the Government will save because one in three places of the Youth Training Scheme remains unfilled, should be spent helping unemployed YTS graduates to find jobs, says Youthaid, an independent charity, in a report published today.

The low take-up of places is blamed partly on school leavers' disillusionment with the scheme.

Some 120,000 young people — more than a third — still cannot find a real job once they have completed their year on a YTS project. Those who drop out are just as likely to find a job as others who last the full course, says Youthaid.

The report shows that while just over half the YTS graduates do find jobs, a third remain unemployed across the country. A few keep their YTS jobs and some go back to school.

Locally, the unemployment rates for people who have completed YTS are in line with the rest of the population. In the North and Scotland 60 per cent of YTS graduates are out of work. This compares with 27 per cent of all 16-17 year olds who are unemployed nationally.

justify government plans to withdraw benefits from those 16-18 year olds who do not choose to join it.

Before the programme began in September 1983, the Government had considered making youth training compulsory. The idea has never been abandoned, and could be introduced if YTS failed as did its predecessor, the Youth Opportunities Programme.

One clear effect of the YTS is to reduce the wage expectations of school leavers and to make wages well below the average seem high compared to the allowance.

The weekly allowance for people on the YTS is £24.25, compared with average weekly wages of £60 for 16-17 year olds.

Girls get less out of YTS than boys, according to a survey by the Fawcett Society, a group promoting sexual equality and the National Joint Committee of Working Women's Organisations.

Girls, they suggest, get poorer careers advice at school, are forced to specialise too early, and if they do get on to a YTS scheme, are channelled into traditional "women's" jobs.

The Class of '84, National Joint Committee of Working Women's Organisations, 170 Watlington Road, London SE 17, price £1.

### Lawyers seek AID crime of incest

By Malcolm Dean

A register of sperm donors should be set up by the Government and the criminal offence of incest extended to cover artificial insemination, says a Law Society memorandum published today.

The legal test which should be applied to vitro fertilisation, embryonic experimentation and surrogacy was "the best interests of the child."

The society suggests that the birth certificate of a child born through AID should include the name of the child's mother and her partner but also an annotated code letter.

"Details of the donor-father could be held by the Registrar General separately, available for scrutiny by a registrar of

marriages, for example, but only available for scrutiny by the AID child itself if Parliament decided such an extension of the right to know one's genetic parentage was justified," the report states.

"If the use by a widow of her late husband's sperm was to be permitted under the 'best interests' test, this test would require that the child be regarded as legitimate and not disinherited."

The report adds that if a child is born to a surrogate mother, despite new legal prohibitions, the surrogate mother should not be regarded automatically as the legal mother. Instead the child could, in its own best interests, be regarded as the legitimate child of the commissioning couple.

### Channon desk offered to museum

By Donald Wintersgill, Arts Correspondent

ONE of the greatest pieces of British furniture, a writing desk of about 1740, has been offered to the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, for about £200,000. Its value on the open market is at least £600,000.

The desk is by the designer and craftsman John Channon and is a triumph of the rococo style. It is richly ornamented in gilded bronze.

This treasure was offered to the Government in payment of tax on the estate of the late Mr Arthur Bull, a noted collector. But the Government has put a limit of £1 million a year on the value of objects acquired by the nation in this way.

Professor Michael Jaffe, of the Fitzwilliam, said yesterday: "It is a shortsighted policy to restrict the sum to £1 million a year. We shall risk losing a considerable number of very important works of art and antiques."

Channon's furniture is rare, although some in museums, including the Fitzwilliam and the Victoria and Albert. But this piece is his masterpiece. "If it goes abroad," says Professor Jaffe, "we have nothing to replace it."

Already the Government has been offered in payment of tax an unparalleled collection of furniture by Thomas Chippendale which is at Nostell Priory, West Yorkshire, worth perhaps £20 million. The building and contents of Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire, one of the greatest stately homes has also been offered.

This is only the head of the queue: many other great objects are on offer to the nation under the tax system. The system, which has been of great benefit, is collapsing.

### Agency's watch on activists 'declines'

Discontent within the Economic League, which keeps blacklists of political and trade union activists for companies operating in Britain, has surfaced in a secret internal memorandum.

The document is titled The need for a change of direction, was leaked to the trade union journal, Labour Research and gives a detailed picture of the league's operations since 1978.

It claims that: "In 1978, the league vetted more than 400,000 cases for personnel managers under its 'labour vetting' service, but by 1983 that figure was down to 144,000."

"Distribution of factory gate leaflets by the league fell from 18 million to 1 million in the same period."

"League training programmes for apprentices, supervisors and management have ' dwindled to a trickle'."

"The league has lost some of its most important supporters such as the Midland Bank, which donated £68,422 over the past 12 years."

Confirmation of the decline in the league's fortunes can be found in its financial returns. In 1983, its income was £355,273, down by 40 per cent in real terms since 1979. The number of full-time employees fell from 123 in 1980 to 71 in 1982.

In 1983, the league's biggest backers were the four main clearing banks—Barclays, Lloyds, National Westminster and the Midland—and Harrower Siddely, BICC and Sun Alliance Insurance.

The league's director of research, Mr Jack Winder, said yesterday that he did not know where the document had come from.

He denied that his organisation was in decline. He said that some people in industry felt that there was less need for monitoring of subversives under a Tory government, and that the Government's trade union legislation had made life more difficult for the activists.

### Couple to sue police

By Tony Heath

The North Wales Chief Constable, Mr David Owen, is being sued by a couple detained a year ago by police officers investigating the Harrods bombing which killed six people.

On January 19, 1984, police are alleged to have smashed down the front door of the home of Mr William McClellan, aged 62, a market trader, and his wife, Carol, aged 58,

in Abergele, Gwynedd, and taken the couple to the police station.

The writ, served at the weekend, alleges that the couple were assaulted, wrongfully arrested, and falsely imprisoned. Mr Andrew Shaw, the McClellans' solicitor, said: "The allegations were completely false."

The couple are claiming damages for injury, loss of reputation and general loss.

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## Bishop's manifesto challenges Jenkins' view of church beliefs

# Leonard rallies faithful against liberal theology

By Martin Halsall,  
Churches Correspondent

A Conservative manifesto for the Church of England will be published this week, openly challenging the liberal theology of which the Bishop of Durham, the Right Reverend David Jenkins has become the leading standard-bearer.

Taking its title from a hymn by the Roman Catholic convert, Cardinal Newman, *Firmly, I Believe and Truly*, the slim paperback by the Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard,

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represents the most senior challenge to the controversial theology at the heart of the General Synod debate next week.

Dr Leonard says that "on the grounds of its partiality is, in effect, to object to the very pattern of the universe." On the resurrection "The evidence in the New Testament is clear unless it is approached with the presupposition that the resurrection could not possibly have taken place."

For Dr Leonard, theologians must balance study and reason with the practice of faith. "Anyone who studies theology must live in the revelation which he is seeking to understand and express and not limit himself to one aspect of it or one constituent part."

Two contemporary liberal theologians were divorced from what the New Testament

defined "as doing the truth" in their studies, he said. He also criticises those who attacked the Church from within: "Those who seek to modify the revealed truths to suit a contemporary philosophy... those who seek to use it for political ends and destroy the gospel in the process."

As an Anglican I'm committed to what the Anglican position is and that is part of integrity for me. If I could not accept the Creed I would feel I must go somewhere else. You can't alter the Anglican Church to suit me.

Scholars who denied biblical miracles or treated the Bible as simply a series of historical documents offered only a counsel of despair to the Church, he said.

*Firmly I believe and Truly*, by Graham Leonard: Mowbray, £1.95.



Graham Leonard — hopes to address synod

## Brittan to rule on BBC cash report

By Dennis Barker

The Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, will decide whether the BBC should publish a report on its efficiency.

The report, commissioned by the BBC from Peat Marwick Mitchell, the management consultants, says the corporation makes efficient use of money raised by the £48 licence fee which it wants to see raised to £65.

However, the report, which Mr Brittan received on Friday, suggests some "fine tuning" to improve efficiency.

Mr Stuart Young, chairman of the BBC, ended uncertainty when he appeared on Channel 4's *Face The Press*.

"It would be irresponsible to publish the report before the Government consider it," he said. "It took me 10 hours to read what is a very complicated report, but when I finished reading it I closed with a sense of satisfaction because I believe it has proven what I always thought it would prove, that the BBC does give value for money."

Mr Young said he wanted to meet the Home Secretary soon so that the report could be discussed before the decision on the new licence fee.

It is expected that a condensed report would take at least 30 pages. Mr Brittan is expected to take up to two weeks to study the report before meeting the BBC chairman.

Mr Young rejected an idea put forward on the programme that the Government should give the BBC part of the levy on profits paid by ITV so that the corporation would not need to carry advertising. The BBC has always strongly resisted the suggestion.

Mr Young thought it desirable for government to pay money direct to the BBC but said there might be a case for providing a share of the levy to the Department of Health and Social Security to help the poor and needy to pay for licences.

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## Boots drag angler to death

An angler drowned yesterday after his waterside boat was dragged him under as he struggled to reach a lifeboat five yards away.

Mr Edward Maunders, aged 39, of Martin Road, Penylan, Llanelli, had been fishing on a sandbank at Pwll near Llanelli.

## SDP selection appeal

By Tom Sharrett  
SOCIAL Democrats in Chorley, Lancashire, are to appeal against a national committee decision that they cannot hold a joint open selection with the Liberals for the constituency's parliamentary candidate.

Such selection, which could result in a Liberal being chosen, has been approved for three seats—Luton, Shrewsbury and West-

minster South—but was rejected for Chorley and Peterborough. Joint open selection has already been approved for all Welsh constituencies.

The party also hopes to put an amendment to the Council for Social Democracy to allow joint open selection in constituencies where ballots showed two-thirds of the party's membership in favour.

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THE UN's estimate that 7.7 million Ethiopians face starvation is too low, the UN's assistant general secretary, Mr. Kurt Jansson, said in Addis Ababa yesterday.

## Tax victim

ROME'S Caffe Greco, haunt of famous writers and artists for more than two centuries, has been closed by tax police for two weeks for alleged irregularities in its cash register. The management has blamed the manufacturers for not adjusting the register to meet a new government deadline designed to make tills tamper-proof.—Reuter.

## Drug abuse

DRUG abuse is increasing in most countries and now affects an estimated 48 million people around the world, the World Health Organisation said in Geneva at the weekend. Cocaine, taken by about 30 million people, is the most widely abused drug but there has been a surge in use of cocaine amongst affluent people in Europe and North America.—Reuter.

## Airline blacked

THE Belgian charter company, Trans-European Airways, was blacklisted at the weekend by the Arab Boycott of Israel for helping to transfer Ethiopian Jews to Israel. The airline was described as "a well-planned Zionist scheme which, under the cover of humanitarian reasons, aimed above all at strengthening Israel".—Reuter.

## Men at work

CHINESE women workers oppose a plan by trade union officials to send them back to do housework and leave scarce jobs for men, according to the latest issue of the Peking Review. The plan calls for factories to give double wages to the husbands and brothers of women workers who stay at home.—Reuter.

## Running naked

AN AMERICAN has been sentenced in Buffalo to probation and psychiatric care after being convicted of sexual assault following the death of a man he ran into and knocked down while fleeing naked from police. Gerard Smith was found innocent of manslaughter and negligent homicide.—AP.

## Rightists unite

TWO Salvadoran rightwing parties applied at the weekend to run as coalition partners in March. The National Republican Alliance (ARENA) and National Conciliation Party presented their request to the Central Elections Council in San Salvador.—Reuter.

## Paris bomb

AN EARLY-morning bomb explosion in Paris yesterday destroyed three cars and damaged a dozen others outside the French Overseas Ministry which administers troubled New Caledonia. No injuries were reported.—AP.

## N-protest planned

ANTI-nuclear groups in Melbourne yesterday announced plans to mount countrywide demonstrations against the Government's plan to help the US test the MX intercontinental nuclear missile. The Labour leftwing has also criticised the tests.—AP.

## Fuel crisis

SUDANESE students demonstrated over bread and transport shortages in Khartoum at the weekend as a fuel crisis forced the authorities to close local schools. Strict fuel rationing was introduced on Thursday.—Reuter.

## Raid injures 17

SALVADOREAN leftwing guerrillas attacked a cargo train north of the capital at the weekend, seriously injuring 17 railway workers.—Reuter.

Hassan may walk out if UK  
bows to Spanish demandsDeadlock on  
Gibraltar  
is likely as  
talks begin

By Patrick Keatley  
in London and  
Jane Walker in Gibraltar

Sir Geoffrey Howe and the Chief Minister of Gibraltar, Sir Joshua Hassan, fly to Geneva tonight for crucial talks with Spain on the future of the Rock.

All the signs point to deadlock on key issues, with the added prospect that if there is any sign of British inclination to appease Spain, then Sir Joshua will walk out.

Sir Joshua is already under intense political pressure from the Socialist opposition which says he is too ready to accommodate Sir Geoffrey at the expense of Gibraltar.

But the Spanish Foreign Minister, Mr. Fernando Moran, said on British television yesterday that Spain was demanding recognition that the end result of the series of meetings "must be the integration of the territory into Spain". This means negotiating a treaty.

Mr Moran repeated his demand that a working group be set up to discuss the transfer of sovereignty.

When asked whether Spain accepted the principle of self-determination for the 29,000 people of the Rock, Mr Moran gave a lengthy, diffuse answer. But it was clear that the Spanish Government, like its predecessors, will not contemplate the right of self-determination for Gibraltar, arguing that the ordinary voter is subject to the authority of London, which holds the veto in all matters of foreign policy.

For Sir Geoffrey Howe, the best diplomatic shield is the article in the Gibraltar constitution which specifically en-

dorses this right of self-determination.

As the Foreign Secretary said on television recently: "One of the central features of this whole situation is the commitment in the constitution of the colony that the British Government will not put forward any change in the sovereignty of Gibraltar except in compliance with the wishes of the Gibraltarian people."

Mr Moran has admitted that if Britain were to hand Gibraltar on a plate to Spain against the wishes of the Gibraltarians, that "would not be a good deal for Spain". It is clear that in Geneva, the British will try to focus attention on practical matters—starting with sea and air communications, joint trading arrangements and commercial cooperation.

The view in London is that, with the border reopening tonight, after nearly 16 years, the first task is to re-establish working relationships across the frontier in business, commerce and cultural matters, including tourism.

Gibraltarians and Spaniards have been permitted to cross the border on foot for the past two years, which has resulted in serious losses for the colony's shops. Housewives cross regularly to the border town of La Linea, where prices are considerably lower than at home.

Many traders are worried what will happen when commercial traffic is permitted to carry in larger goods purchased at a quarter of the price in Spain. People think that the shops here will benefit from the influx of visitors, but they will find that instead they will continue to lose business to Spain, warned the opposition leader, Mr. Joe Bossano.



Picking up the pieces: Finnish soldiers cluster around the debris of the Soviet missile which crashed recently on Lake Inari

## Martens gives cruise full support

Belgian PM expected to announce arrival of first US missiles in March

From Derek Brown  
in Brussels

Opinion is hardening in Belgium that the Government is determined to deploy cruise missiles within the next two months.

Supporters and opponents alike now expect the Prime Minister, Mr. Wilfried Martens, not only to name the date for deployment by the end of March, but to announce the arrival of the first 16 missiles.

The cruise debate continues to convulse Belgian politics. Last week, Mr. Martens won a parliamentary vote of confidence, but only after extraordinary claims and counter-claims about his country's commitment to take the US weapons.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Leo Tindemans, had revealed earlier in the week that a former defence minister, Mr. Frank Swaelen, had in 1981 endorsed NATO deployment schedules—including the arrival of 16 missiles in Belgium by March.

At that time, Mr. Swaelen was a caretaker minister in a founding Christian Democrat-Socialist coalition. Since then, the Christian Democrats have

been the senior partner in coalition with rightwing Liberals.

Mr. Swaelen, now the chairman of the dominant Flemish wing of the Christian Democrat movement, is leading the internal opposition to cruise.

He has argued forcefully for Belgium to shelve deployment at least until after the next round of superpower arms talks.

Mr. Martens has made light of his party chairman's apparent volte face. He insisted that there had never been a Belgian pledge to install the missiles, but that the schedule had emerged in stages, starting with the original NATO decision in 1979 to take counter-measures against new Soviet intermediate-range weapons.

In mid-1983, he said, Belgian and US defence experts had ruled that in view of delays in preparatory work, the first 16 missiles in the country's allocation of 48 should be deployed in March, 1985; and that the rest should follow in the second half of 1987. This, Mr. Martens interpreted, not as a decision to deploy the first 16 missiles, but a decision to postpone deployment of the other 32.

While the convoluted argument proceeds, the US-manufactured airbase of Fortresses in the peaceful Ardennes countryside, 50 miles south of Brussels, is reportedly ready to receive the first missiles.

The Government's decision will be announced after further soundings and conferences within the Flemish Christian Democrat Party, which remains fundamentally split on the issue, and after a key parliamentary debate in March.

Within the Government, it is clear that party rebels are losing ground; but that in any case, deployment should be undertaken sooner rather than later, to avoid the danger of turning into a debacle.

The Government's chief concern is to prevent cruise becoming the dominant issue in the general election, which must be held in early December at the latest. Ministers are hoping that deployment, when it comes, will be a tiny footnote, and that Belgian public opinion will prove to be more than balanced by a deep loyalty to NATO.

Mr. Tindemans, a sturdy proponent of deployment, has been gratified if hardly surprised by the result of his highly public soundings of other NATO governments about the Belgian position. One after another, they have told him that NATO solidarity is of paramount importance, and that internal political problems, however much the Allies sympathise, should not encourage the Soviet Union to believe that the deployment strategy is breaking down.

This is just what Mr. Tindemans wanted, to hear, and to pass on to the Belgian people in advance of a cruise announcement in March.

The Belgian peace movement, meanwhile, is pushing hard in the opposite direction, to convince Belgian opinion that the missiles will be dangerous guests in the country. The two wings of the movement, Francophone and Flemish, have announced a march from Brussels to Brussels between February 20 and 23, followed by a peace carnival, and a demonstration in the capital on March 17, to put pressure on the Government and Parliament as the deployment deadline draws near.

Debris  
clues on  
missile

From Donald Fields  
in Helsinki

The stray Soviet missile which crashed on frozen Lake Inari in northern Finland in December was not exploded in mid-air, a Finnish air force spokesman said yesterday. "We would still like to know whether it ran out of fuel or went down on command," he added.

Finnish experts examined the wreckage yesterday while authorities considered whether to return it to the Soviet Union.

Moscow has asked for it back and Finnish and Swedish newspapers said yesterday that Finland, which has had a friendship treaty with the Soviet Union since 1948, was likely to comply and to ask for compensation.

The authorities have yet to specify exactly what type of missile is involved. With the control system and a fuel tank still embedded in Lake Inari, and the jet engine despatched for further inspection, a military spokesman stressed that the intruder was not a cruise missile but a "flying target" or "target missile".

Divers and support troops will today continue their efforts to recover the rest of the wreckage and the return of President Mauno Koivisto from a round-the-world holiday may hasten the reply to the Soviet request.

Although it is clear that the missile was intact when it crashed at about 800 mph after a drop from 7,000 feet, it is not known whether it was fired by mistake.

Mr. Richard Forté, the Assistant Secretary of State, has become the highest-ranking American to refute the view of Mr. Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, that the Russians shot down their own missile.

Americans hurt in  
Athens bombing

From George Coats  
in Athens

Thirteen American servicemen were airlifted from Athens to military hospital in West Germany yesterday for treatment of burns sustained in a bomb attack on a bar in an Athens seaside suburb.

The bomb blast, which occurred in Bobby's Bar in Atrachia, close to the American airbase in Athens, left 78 injured, 69 of whom were Americans. The bar, used by personnel from the base as a local pub, was packed at the time of the explosion, shortly before midnight on Saturday night.

Eight of the injured were flown to West Germany early yesterday and another five during the day.

Police forensic scientists yesterday discovered the remains of a timing device which triggered the explosion, they said.

A previously unknown organisation yesterday claimed responsibility for the bombing when an anonymous caller told a pro-government newspaper that an organisation called the National Front had carried out the attack, because the Americans are responsible for the continued situation in Cyprus.

## More German hunger strikers give up

From Anna Tomforde  
in Bonn

Most of the imprisoned members of the Rader-Meinhold group ended their hunger strike after two months at the weekend, signalling a possible relaxation in the latest wave of violence.

The authorities said that all but five of the 37 prisoners who began a fast on December 4 were taking food again. The decision came immediately after the murder of Dr. Ernst Ziemermann, a company making military engines and president

of the West German Aerospace and Armaments Industry Association.

Police said that the two suspects, a man and a woman in their mid-40s, killed the 45-year-old industrialist in his home near Munich, firing a dum-dum bullet at the back of his head.

In an anonymous telephone call to a Munich newspaper, the Red Army Faction—as the Rader-Meinhold group was known—claimed responsibility for the murder, saying it was carried out by the West European guerrilla movement.

The authorities were cautious at the weekend, establishing a clear link between the killing and the calling off of the hunger strike.

Earlier they had refused to quash documents claiming that the fast was aimed at mobilising support for the prisoners' demand, which has not been met, to be grouped together.

Chancellor Kohl described the attack as an act of "cowardly brutality" and a challenge to the democratic State. President Mitterrand of France, referring to the European dimension of terrorism, called for uncompromising action against terror.

Since the hunger strike began there have been more than 60 bomb and arson attacks in West Germany,

primarily directed against West German and allied military institutions, as well as business premises. There have also been attacks in Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain.

The chief public prosecutor's office yesterday rejected charges that Dr. Ziemermann had been a "soft" target because the authorities' security measures concentrate on politicians, judges, the military, and law enforcement officers.

A spokesman for the office in Karlsruhe said that Dr. Ziemermann's name had been one among thousands found on lists confiscated by the authorities.

Castro prepared to  
withdraw advisers

From Alex Brummer  
in Washington

President Fidel Castro of Cuba has agreed to pull Cuban military advisers out of Nicaragua as part of a comprehensive settlement of the civil strife in Central America.

In an six-hour interview in Havana with journalists of the Washington Post, Dr. Castro said that recent contacts between Washington and Havana have been "constructive and positive" and he suggested that it was possible that relations could improve between the two countries during President Reagan's second term.

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agreement dealing with immigration was signed in December, although the White House stressed at the time that this did not preclude a new era of diplomatic rapprochement with Cuba.

Dr. Castro told the Washington Post that he was "not impatient, nor are we anxious for an improvement in relations with the US. But he said he was willing to 'exchange views with the US on any topic'. In particular, he appeared more willing than in the past to consider the withdrawal of Cuban military advisers in Central America as part of a broader settlement within the Contadora framework.

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# Armed Israelis in protest against Palestinian attacks

## Settlers set roadblocks to disrupt West Bank

From Ian Black in Jerusalem

Armed Israeli settlers disrupted traffic all over the occupied West Bank yesterday in what they said was a protest against the government's failure to prevent Palestinian attacks on Israeli vehicles in the past few days.

"The war which the PLO is waging against us on the roads has reached almost Lebanese dimensions," said Mr. Eliahu Harel, a leader of the Kibbutz Arba Jewish settlement near the town of Hebron. "I think the time has come to broadcast to the Israeli Government that it will never be Lebanon here."

The Prime Minister, Mr. Shimon Peres, told the Cabinet yesterday that there could be no compromises about security in the West Bank. "The policy of the Government is one of leniency towards civilians and a firm hand against terrorists," a communiqué said.

Israeli security sources say they believe that the attacks are being orchestrated by the Patah wing of the PLO, led by Mr. Yasser Arafat, after a recent decision to intensify the armed struggle in the occupied territories. The sources deny, however, that the timing of the attacks is linked to the recent decision to withdraw Israeli forces from Lebanon.

On Friday night, security forces raided scores of Palestinian homes in the Dehaishe refugee camp near Bethlehem, after a series of attacks on Israeli vehicles passing the camp on the main road south.

Palestinians say the reason for the heightened tension is the presence outside Dehaishe of Rabbi Moshe Levinger, a militant settler leader. Rabbi Levinger has been living opposite the camp for three months in protest against what the settlers regard as lax government policies towards the Palestinians.

Mr. Ariel Sharon, the Minister of Industry, suggested yesterday that those responsible for attacks on Israeli vehicles in occupied territories should be deported from the country, even if that required a change in the law. Israeli Radio reported last night that right-winging Thaya Party said

that it planned a motion of no confidence in the Government because of the security situation in the West Bank.

The subject is politically highly sensitive because of widely divergent views between the Labour and Likud wings of coalition about the future of the West Bank. Mr. Peres is committed to territorial compromise, while the Likud leader and Foreign Minister, Mr. Yitzhak Shamir, said that the area must remain under permanent Israeli control.

The rightwingers have not forgotten that, before taking office last year, Mr. Peres promised to take steps to ease some of the burdens of occupation.

Meanwhile, 100 survivors of the "medical experiments" conducted by Dr. Joseph Mengele in Auschwitz concentration camp during the Second World War gathered here yesterday for the start of a convention, during which Mengele will be tried in absentia. Angel of Death, carried out experiments which included sterilisation, injections to change eye colour, and removal of parts of the victims' bodies. Many of the subjects of his experiments were identical twins.

A six-member panel will begin to hear the testimonies of some of the survivors today. The panel includes Professor Telford Taylor, the chief US prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials, Mr. Gideon Hausner, the former Israeli attorney-general who prosecuted Adolf Eichmann, and the Israeli Nazi hunter, Mr. Tuvia Friedman.

Mr. Friedman, the head of the Nazi War Crimes Documentation Centre, has asked the participants and survivors of Auschwitz to join him in a protest tour of West Germany next month in an attempt to press the Federal Republic to bring Mengele to trial.

Mengele is thought to be living in Paraguay and yesterday the German authorities offered a reward of almost \$300,000 for information leading to the fugitive's arrest.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Yitzhak Navon, said that Israel would not seek vengeance against Mengele.

# Hope springs uncertain among people of Sidon

From Julie Flint in Sidon

"WE ARE almost sure," said Halim Fayyad, the governor of south Lebanon, that the different Lebanese factions will get through the coming days without making good Israel's predictions that citizens will go for each other's throats when Jerusalem's restraining presence is gone.

We were preparing to take our leave on that relatively optimistic note when the mayor of Sidon, Mr. Ahmad Kalash, cut in with a word of advice: "Try not to drive around the town too much. In fact, try to be out of town by three or four o'clock." That, he explained, is about the time when Sidon gets dangerous—when armed masked gangs take to the streets, usually gunning for Israeli collaborators, and the Israeli-backed militia of the South Lebanon Army get jumpy.

As the Israeli Army prepares to pull out after 32 months of occupation, Sidon is in a decidedly schizophrenic mood. The city's leaders are talking peace and unity, but the streets are unsettled, swash with rumours of curfews, massacres, even contingency plans for Western countries to take to the aid of the area's minority Christians should they need it.

"The latest crazy rumour," a foreign aid worker said, "is that Britain and West Germany will fly teams directly into Sidon, without asking the Lebanese Government. People

are saying: 'Did the Americans ask permission to go into Grenada?'" Although most observers fear inter-Muslim strife, certainly, in the medium term, peace talks in the medium term, focused on Christian-Muslim co-existence. Most Christians, while cautiously optimistic that they will come to no harm, are organising civil defence teams and bomb patrols in their villages on the outskirts of Sidon, a city of 80,000 Muslims and only 10,000 Christians.

Every declaration of confidence carries a qualifier. "We are almost sure the Israeli withdrawal will not cause any massacres," says Mr. Fayyad. "We are almost sure the Lebanese army will be in a position to control the area."

This uncertainty is fuelled by doubts about Israel's intentions. When exactly will the Israeli leave? What exactly will they be leaving? Why is there no sign of new fortifications, however impermanent, along a new defence line? It has escaped the attention of no one in Sidon that Israel has said it will complete its withdrawal by February 18.

"So," shrugs a young woman, "it could be any day. The speed with which they're dismantling their installations has amazed everyone. The question now is why are they hanging around?"

Not everyone bothers to ask. For some, it is enough that the Israelis are leaving after a crippling, suffocating occupation estimated to have cost

Sidon about \$500 million. For others, answers would mean little: "The Israelis have never been known to do what they say they're going to do."

Suspicion is one factor uniting the people of Sidon, especially after the car bomb attack against the Sunni Muslim leader, Mr. Mustafa Sand, which Lebanese investigators blame on an Israeli collaborator.

At the official level Sidon is angered by Israel's "hysterical warnings of impending massacres, by its protestations of concern for the future of Sidon's Palestinian camps, decimated during the invasion, and by its charges that Lebanon is being uncooperative in refusing to coordinate a pullback on Israeli terms. The language, however, is muted. Memories of the attack against Mr. Sand, an outspoken critic of the Israeli occupation, are still fresh.

"Put it this way," the mayor said. "We feel that an uncoordinated withdrawal is not a positive attitude. A vacuum leads to fear and fear leads to problems. The mere fact of withdrawing like this is not positive."

Seen from Sidon, it is the Israelis who are being uncooperative. Although Israeli leaders express pious hopes that the Lebanese army will prove capable of controlling Sidon, sources here point out that Israel is refusing even to allow to 1,500 Lebanese soldiers who have been in Sidon, disarmed, throughout the occupation.

# Baha'is face cash demands

By Eve-Anne Prentice

MEMBERS of the Baha'i religion in Iran who used to work for the State—including doctors and teachers—have been ordered to pay back their salaries or face imprisonment.

The order, issued by the Attorney-General, Mr. Mousavi Ardabili, is seen as the main reason for a sharp increase in the number of Baha'is arrested in recent months. Since the beginning of September, 101 are known to have been seized, bringing the total to at least 707, according to Baha'is in Britain.

New they fear that "many thousands" will be affected by the Attorney-General's decree. There are 300,000 Baha'is in Iran, making it the country's largest minority religion.

The deputy chairman of the Baha'i National Spiritual Assembly in Britain said: "The Attorney-General has indicated two categories of people who must pay back what they have earned."

"The first is retired people who used to receive pensions which have been stopped since the revolution," he said. "The second category is those who have been dismissed from state jobs. If they cannot raise the money, the penalty is prison."

# Tutu gives SA new warning of trade sanctions

From Philip van Niekerk in Johannesburg

In a colourful ceremony, the 1984 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, Bishop Desmond Tutu, was enthroned yesterday as the Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg.

Bishop Tutu, whose election caused discontent in some white circles, made an impassioned plea for reconciliation and called for a non-racial, democratic, and just South Africa.

His diocese includes South Africa's economic heartland, its richest white city, and its largest, most influential black city, Soweto.

Bishop Tutu, who has never shied away from tackling political issues, yesterday dwelt at length on the "unchristian, evil and immoral" system of apartheid.

Bishop Tutu said that if within 18 to 24 months apartheid was not dismantled or actively being dismantled, he would for the first time call for punitive economic sanctions, whatever the legal consequences.

He said: "We hear cries that what we are advocating will cause suffering for blacks. I am a little puzzled why there should be concern about a possible future suffering that may be inflicted on blacks and yet those who are so concerned



● Bishop Desmond Tutu: Impassioned plea

utter hardly a squeak of protest about actual, present suffering." Reports of direct contact between the African National Congress and the South African Government were again publicised in the Johannesburg Sunday Star yesterday. Rumour has been rife in recent weeks about secret talks, although both parties would for the first time call for punitive economic sanctions, whatever the legal consequences. Yesterday's report, which followed the offer of conditional release to the ANC's leader, Mr. Nelson Mandela, last week, said the low-key contact had been to discuss the unconditional release of Mr. Mandela and two fellow prisoners. Mr. Govan Mbeki and Mr. Walter Sisulu.

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# Debris clues on missile

From Donald Fields in Houston

Debris from a missile that struck a ship in the Gulf of Mexico last week has been found in the wreckage of the ship, according to a report from the US Navy.

The report says that the debris was found in the wreckage of the ship, which was hit by a missile on January 28. The missile was believed to be a Soviet-made SS-N-2C cruise missile.

The ship, the USS Stark, was a guided missile cruiser that was hit by two missiles on September 26, 1984. The ship was damaged and 37 crew members were injured.

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33	37	1,500	2,897	1,050	3,947	8,169	16,292	5,722	21,494
34	38	1,498	2,893	1,049	3,942	8,157	16,271	5,710	21,461
35	39	1,496	2,889	1,047	3,936	8,145	16,258	5,702	21,430
36	40	1,493	2,883	1,045	3,928	8,128	16,295	5,690	21,395
37	41	1,489	2,875	1,042	3,917	8,111	16,262	5,678	21,340
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55	59	1,318	2,547	923	3,470	7,183	13,870	5,028	18,896
56		1,301	2,512	911	3,423	7,084	13,679	4,959	18,636
57		1,281	2,475	897	3,374	6,981	13,473	4,894	18,357
58		1,259	2,433	882	3,325	6,863	13,252	4,804	18,059
59		1,236	2,391	867	3,258	6,743	13,021	4,720	17,741



Arrest of businessmen reveals alleged leaks

## Indian spy scandal linked to East European embassies

From Ajay Bose in New Delhi

The Indian spy scandal has taken a new turn with the discovery by intelligence officials of an East European connection with the spy ring in the offices of the Prime Minister, President, and Defence Ministry.

The arrest of two businessmen and an assistant in the Commerce Ministry and their alleged confessions have reportedly revealed that classified documents were being leaked out by government spies to the deputed French military attaché, Colonel Alain Bolley, and to several junior diplomats working in the New Delhi embassies of at least three countries belonging to the Warsaw Pact.

Most of the diplomats have been identified and may be asked to leave the country, although they may do so in a more discreet manner than Col. Bolley as the Indian government is reportedly keen not to disturb the close ties between India and the Socialist bloc.

Intelligence officials investigating the espionage case are believed to have established an elaborate chain between the spy ring working in key government departments and diplomats belonging to the East bloc embassies.

Investigations have revealed that the business executive alleged to be the leader of the spy ring made several copies of the secret documents he secured from the arrested government officials and sold some of them to an assistant in the Commerce Ministry who in turn would resell them to two hostelry manufacturers.

The two businessmen, both of whom export large quantities of hostelry goods to the Socialist bloc, including the Soviet Union, are believed to have passed the secret documents to East European diplomats in the capital in return for large orders.

Significantly, exports to the East bloc by these two businessmen have risen sharply in the past few years, with one selling more than 50 million rupees (£3 million) worth of hostelry in the last financial year alone.

The secret files leaked out are believed to have contained classified information on India's relations with other countries, particularly China and Pakistan, as well as details of planned purchases of defence equipment from the West.

Police raids on the houses of the two businessmen have revealed some of these documents and they are also reported to have given names and identified photographs of several East European diplomats to whom they had passed secret information.

The new turn in this espionage case has shocked intelligence officials who now feel that the ramifications may be even greater than they had assumed earlier.

It has also placed the Government in an acutely embarrassing position since India has been on particularly friendly terms with France and the Soviet bloc recently.

The Government is now believed to be reviewing all commercial deals with foreign governments and companies, particularly those relating to defence equipment. Already a multi-million dollar deal between India and France for the import of sophisticated cannons has reportedly been scrapped after the discovery of the French connection.



Lure of private enterprise: Peking customers throng to buy craftwork at the first private shop on the city's main shopping street, opened last week by a peasant

## Zia puts election curbs on press

From Alex Brodie in Islamabad

The Government has reimposed strict restrictions on the press, forbidding the publication of the views of opposition politicians who are boycotting the forthcoming elections.

Most of the politicians are in exile, or restricted from moving around the country.

Since January 12 when General Zia announced that elections without political parties would be held at the end of February there has been relatively free political discussion. The views and activities of opposition politicians, normally banned from print, started appearing in the press. One paper published an interview with the exiled opposition leader, Miss Benazir Bhutto, and journalists began writing more freely about politics.

For three weeks there was a national debate about whether the Opposition would or should take part in the elections. Then on Friday, the regime clamped down again.

Newspaper editors were told to print only the views of those taking part in the elections.

Such instructions are known as "press advice." On the same day, the Pakistani newspaper editors met and passed strong resolutions against the system of controlling the press. They also deplored the withholding of advertising from some papers which are considered to have transgressed.

The editors said that the press curbs negated assurances given by General Zia that the elections would be free and fair. Freedom of the press was indispensable for the growth of democracy through elections, said the editors.

"The disinformation campaign by government agencies and press censorship shows the weakness of the Government," said a spokesman for the outlawed Movement for the Restoration of Democracy. "The planned elections are a farce, no politicians of any repute are taking part," he said.

Two prominent opposition leaders, Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi and Khwaja Khairuddin, said in a statement which will not be published here that the large number of arrests and detentions without trial of political leaders and workers "exposed the dictatorial and repressive nature of the present regime."

Several senior Taiwanese intelligence officers allegedly involved in the Liu case have been arrested in Taipei in what some observers regarded as commendable alacrity by the Nationalist Government.

However, others suspect that Taipei acted swiftly to disassociate the Government from the crime in an attempt to portray it as an isolated incident with no connection to the President. The congressional resolution and the hearing by the Foreign Affairs Sub-committee on Asian and Pacific Affairs, which will take evidence from Mr Liu's widow, will further embarrass Taipei. Under the Export Control Act, the US Congress is empowered to cut off arms supplies to any country that engages in systematic harassment of its critics in the US.

Last year Taiwan received \$800 million in US military aid, and some congressmen seek an excuse to stop it.

## Taiwan link in murder examined

From Christopher Reed in San Francisco

A US congressional hearing is to be held on Thursday into the alleged political murder in California of a Chinese-American journalist whose death threatens relations between the US and Taiwan.

Henry Liu, aged 52, was shot three times in the garage of his Daly City home in October by two Oriental men who escaped on bicycles. His assailants ignored valuables. The murder came after Mr Liu had published a critical biography of Taiwan's 75-year-old President Chiang Ching-kuo.

Last month a Daly City police officer and two FBI agents flew to Taipei to interrogate two Chinese suspects being held in prison there. The officer returned with what he said was a tape-recorded confession from the two, both members of the Bamboo Gang, a powerful organised crime syndicate in Taiwan.

According to the officer, officials in Taipei assured him that the two suspects would receive an open trial there, but it would have to take place in Taiwan as there was no extradition treaty with the USA.

But the Liu family's congressman, Mr Tom Lantos, is heading a group which will submit a special resolution calling on Taiwan to extradite the two suspects.

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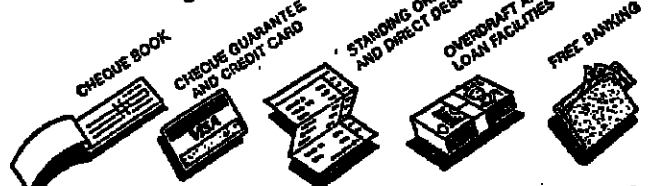
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## Loving and learning

Singapore: Singapore is reviewing some of its education policies, including a scheme allowing children of graduate mothers to jump the queue for top schools.

Education Minister Mr Tony Tan, told a meeting of school principals that the review was necessary because of growing public resentment.

"I don't believe that we never make errors, that the Government is infallible or that all our policies are correct," said Mr Tan.

The "graduate mum scheme," launched last year with the blessing of the Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, came under fire from opposition politicians, the Roman Catholic Church, and the public.

It was part of a programme to give incentives to university graduates to marry and produce, the Government hoped, more intelligent children.

Mr Lee has not commented on the scheme since the election on December 23 when his Peoples Action Party lost two seats to the opposition.

Mr Tan said the Government was also reviewing the system which denied a normal education to eight-year-old children who performed poorly in examinations. — Reuters.

## Vietnamese troops die

Klong Haad Sub, Thailand: Thai forces killed eight Vietnamese soldiers who crossed the southern Thai-Kampuchean border in an apparent reconnaissance mission against Kampuchean guerrillas, a Thai army commander said yesterday.

Thai and Vietnamese artillery later exchanged fire for three hours along the southern border, after Vietnamese fire directed at Kampuchean guerrilla bases fell instead in Thailand, said Lt. General Pichitr Kullavanijaya.

Thai military sources meanwhile reported clashes between the Vietnamese and Khmer Rouge guerrillas near two mountain guerrilla strongholds which the Roman Catholic Church, and the public.

General Pichitr said that the eight Vietnamese were killed in the three-hour clash which began when they intruded about 300 yards into Ban Khao Tan-soc village in Prachuab province.

The UN Secretary-General, Mr Perez de Cuellar, said yesterday that the countries of Indochina and the Association of South-East Asian Nations continued to have very divergent views on how to bring peace to Kampuchea. Mr Perez de Cuellar held talks in Vietnam, Laos and Thailand last week. — AP.

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# SRI LANKA'S NATIONAL DAY 1985

## Independence Day Message from His Excellency J. R. Jayewardene, President



For thirty-seven years since Independence we have, as a nation, cherished and safeguarded the principles of democracy and justice. We have also striven to achieve economic justice for all.

Of course all our endeavours have not been completely successful. The mighty dams which we have built across the Mahaweli River during the past seven years, giving an abundance of thousands of acres of dry parched land in the dry zone and generating hydro electricity so vital for

our economic development, the new industrial towns and zones we have founded, the hundreds of model villages that have sprung up, will be a lasting testimony to the achievements of the last seven years.

However, we are still plagued with the problem of terrorism which has to be eradicated from this land.

We have always stood for discussion and dialogue on ethnic or any other issues. However, the terrorists want no discussion, dialogue or peace.

Yet we shall overcome this menace and see that all communities in this island live in equality, peace and harmony.

1985 is the International Year of the Youth, and here I must state that terrorism must be stamped out and economic and social development accelerated with greater vigour this year, for the youth are the heirs to our endeavours, they are the owners of tomorrow's society.

These hopes and aspirations of mine have to be fulfilled and will be.

## Message from The Honourable R. Premadasa, Prime Minister



An occasion like the Independence Day is a suitable time at which to take stock of ourselves — to look back at the problems that we have faced and the achievements that we have made. It is also an occasion to look forward with hope to the future to discern what lies ahead of us as a nation.

There is no doubt that the past few years have been difficult ones for us, nevertheless we have continued to face our difficulties and problems with courage and fortitude. The

economic and material gains we have made in the process of developing our country have been remarkable. They have also been the subject of favourable comment by several competent foreign observers, yet we have not been satisfied with these and we have called upon our people for more dedicated hard work.

As you know there has been a serious challenge to the sovereignty and unity of our country. This challenge is being successfully overcome in this matter we need the

goodwill and moral support of all freedom loving people. We also look forward for the support of the large number of Sri Lankans living in foreign countries.

I am glad to know that this support has been given in large measure and this has proved to be of immense help in sustaining us in difficult times.

With courage and goodwill in our hearts I am sure the people of Sri Lanka will be able to overcome all the odds against them and safely and surely reach the haven of peace and prosperity.

## Message from The Honourable A. C. S. Hameed, Minister of Foreign Affairs



growth from 2.6 per cent to 6.2 per cent of the G.D.P. We doubled investment as a percentage of G.D.P. from 16 per cent to 30 per cent. We halved unemployment from 26 per cent to 12 per cent. We also reduced inflation from 35 per cent in 1980 to 10 per cent in 1982. All this we did in a very adverse international economic situation — the worst international economic recession since 1932.

Unfortunately, the efforts of the Government to build a better tomorrow has recently suffered a serious set-back as a result of some misguided youth resorting to terrorism. This is all the more unfortunate because Sri Lanka is a country where democracy has flourished without interruption since independence and where Governments have been changed at the polls as a result of the free exercise of the franchise.

The Government has striven tirelessly within the last one and a half years through the All-Party Conference which had held 34 Sessions and a series of informal sessions to

achieve a political solution to the ethnic problem. Unfortunately, however, the proposals have not been accepted.

Terrorism respects no law — no life. But a democracy is founded on these two principles. Therefore, how can democracy face the threat of terrorism? This is a dilemma that many democracies face in the world today.

Let us on this Independence Day — whilst remembering with gratitude all those who

have fought for our freedom — resolve to uphold the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Sri Lanka. I want to assure the international community that as a country and Government committed to the rule of law and the liberty of man, it shall be our earnest endeavour to continue our search for a political solution, but at the same time we shall not allow divisive and destructive forces to hold us to ransom, because of our traditional tolerance and compassion.

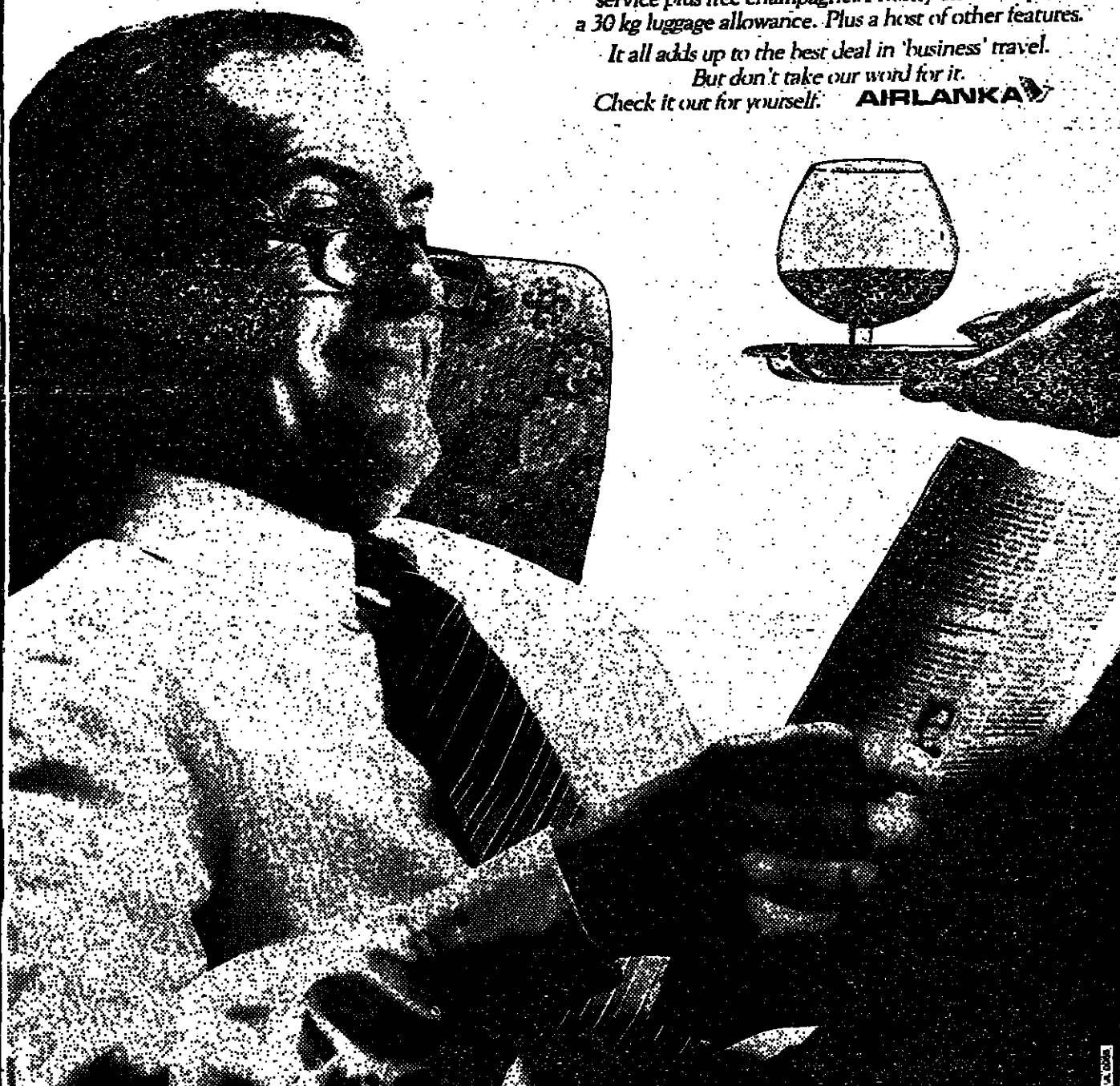
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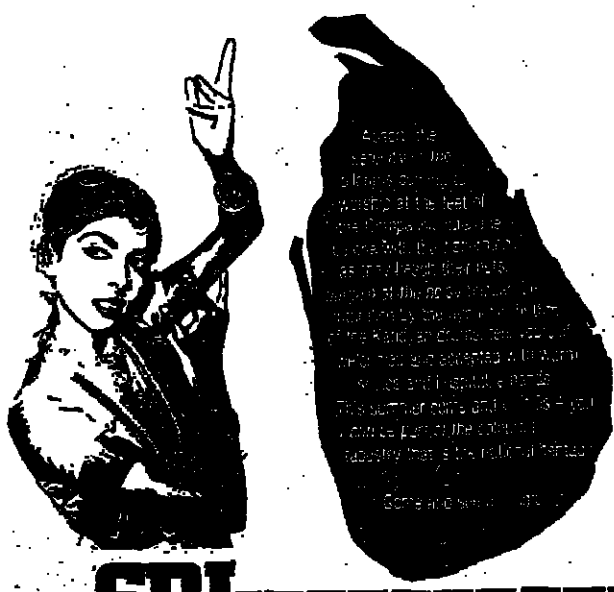
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# GUARDIAN WOMEN

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This week, four writers turn their thoughts to the housewife: who is she and what is her role in society today? What, in the light of her recent chequered history, does the future hold? Irma Kurtz, on the decline of the species, begins the series

## Is there a dinosaur in the house?



### HOUSEWIVES CHOICE

HER KIND is being gobbled up by more adaptable breeds. Poor thing. She is already rare. She is born only in captivity and usually kept as the pet of an affluent menagerie that can afford to clothe, feed and shelter her in exchange for light duties. Once, her race was numerous and proud, the scourge of greengrocers with heavy thumbs, and the mainstay of the PTA. Her vote was counted, and advertising executives crawled at her dainty feet. Now, she stumbles towards extinction.

A Register is kept of her and she has formed a Union in self-defence, but for all that, her sort survives in mass only on protected reserves. Southern California, for example, is still her habitat. Sociologists and naturalists can sight her endangered species there on any major highway between 3 and 4 p.m. when she and her sisters all turn out for their fabled, classis "school run". Even so, she becomes redundant as soon as her oldest child learns to drive. A few of us old-timers remember the housewife in her glory, even fewer of us mourn her.

When I was a little girl, the housewife swarmed and was

not the shy bird she has become. Mercifully, her passing has been swift. It is no older than planned parenthood, increased consumerism, supermarkets, and the proliferation of labour-saving devices in the home. The fact is, houses don't need wives anymore. Any able-bodied adult who requires a full working week, week in and out, to keep a house these days is either hopelessly inept or terrified to stop in case she finds she has absolutely nothing else to do.

Recently, I spent a day with a California housewife and I was interested to watch her justify her underemployment by creating bustle where there so easily could have been calm. Misplace your car keys, forget to put enough petrol in the tank, arrive at the supermarket without your wallet, quarrel with the neighbour whose turn it is to take the children to school, and at the end of the day you too would be able to complain bitterly about how you had been run off your feet, too frantic even to call the repairman to fix the thermostat on the jacuzzi.

In less luxurious climates where we are subject to frost and a literacy rate, the housewife's duties are not so glamorous, but they are also more urgent, and her afflictions are just as trivial. I've been told there are still females among us who polish silver, scrub the windows every week, dust Victorian iron sheets, declare the dishwashing machine a nuisance, and call themselves busy.

I don't remember precisely when housewifery began to wane, and we began to realise it was no profession for a grown-up, no profession at all, to speak of. Precisely when do idle feathers turn into scales, or dinosaurs collapse? One day the housewife was what we all expected to call ourselves with pride, and it seemed only the very next day women at parties when asked about their lives were saying, "I'm afraid I'm only a housewife." By that time, of



Terrified to stop? Still from Jeanne Dielman — Chantal Akerman's study of the everyday life of a Belgian widow. Picture: The Other Cinema

course, the average household had dwindled to a size that wouldn't strain a small Hoover, two weeks' shopping could be done in a morning, and scientists had mastered the creation of wholesome soup in tins.

By the mid-sixties, I'd guess it was, the writing was on the wall, and most sensible

women decided it wasn't worth the trouble to wash it off. Of course, there was a swing in some isolated, prosperous areas towards baking bread, embroidering pillowcases with forget-me-nots, pickling home-grown turnips, and trying generally to demonstrate there, in the very last ditch, that housewife-

ery was an art, instead of just a decreasing chore and an increasing bore.

These reactionary efforts failed. Husbands were not impressed and children continued to prefer Mother's Pride to mother's pride. (Quite right they were, too! Those indigestible chips off a very old block, thickly

smear with quaint and twee!)

Once upon a time, I could have counted among acquaintances ten families with more than four children: now I can think of only two with more than three, and neither of those households can support the luxury of a full-time housewife. These

days, the more children there are, the less likely it is an adult can be spared from earning their food simply in order to cook it. On the other hand, the average household of two children does not justify the devotion of an entire grown-up lifetime, or even want it very much. Children are a job for a very

brief period, pretty soon they demand shorter hours, and not long after that they can scramble their own eggs for breakfast.

Furthermore, statistics show that no child ever died of an unmade bed, and that one hour of joyous communication with a lively adult is of more benefit to offspring than two dozen stove shirts, a thousand home-made cakes and countless little socks, darned and rolled into balls. Having children has become a matter of choice, and therefore, it is a privilege. Loving children is a worthy avocation for grown-ups of either sex, but if there is still a woman who imagines her babies are an excuse for lifelong title and payment, she has made a very bad investment, and will soon be out of a job.

My 12-year-old son had never seen a housewife and would not believe there was such a fantastic thing until, appropriately enough, he glimpsed the pretty beast in Hollywood. We were on the grand tour of Universal Film Studios. Our guide, Erik, requested two pairs of volunteers from his audience.

"And what do you do, sir?" Erik asked the first male.

"I am a bus driver," the man replied.

Erik turned to his mate.

"You, I suppose, are a housewife," he said. There was a chorus of whoops and catcalls from the stands. Two girls from Brooklyn whistled through their fingers. To make Erik's embarrassment worse, it turned out the woman was a bus driver too.

"What do you do, madam?" Erik asked the second female in a chastened sort of voice.

"Me? Oh, I'm a housewife," she replied.

This time the audience gasped. A smattering of defiant applause arose from some blue-rinsed Minnesotans.

"There, you see," I whispered to my son. "I told you there were still a few around."

Tomorrow: Maeve Binchy on the Dim and the Bright.

A proposed new bill that would make kerb crawling a criminal offence is drawing flak from some unexpected quarters. Sarah Boseley reports

## A public nuisance cruising slowly in a private car

KERB crawling is a nuisance. Many women, approached by men cruising the streets after dark looking for a prostitute, are very frightened. Residents of the suburban areas where prostitutes pick up shop, hushed out from the traditional red-light districts by intensive policing, have become increasingly angry and concerned. It is their outrage, their fears, and demands for protection, that have led to the legislation now going through Parliament to make this nuisance of "kerb crawling" a criminal offence.

But while everyone agrees women have a right to be protected from fear and potential assault, the way of doing it, as proposed in the Sexual Offences Bill — which was proposed by Janet Footes, MP, and had its second reading last Friday — has become controversial. Lined up in opposition to the criminalisation of kerb crawling are civil liberties groups, those who worry about the extension of police powers

and those who have the welfare of the girls on the game at heart. It has also had the unfortunate effect of dividing women's groups.

The bill, based on recommendations drawn up by the Criminal Law Revision Committee last summer, has a very good chance of becoming law, since it has government backing. It will make soliciting from a vehicle an offence and persistently soliciting women an offence with a maximum fine of £400. Soliciting a woman "in a manner likely to put her in fear" will carry a maximum penalty of £2,000.

Critics are afraid it will be used like another "sus" law. It will give police powers to stop any man speaking to any woman on the street and ask him his business. If the woman is "a known prostitute," the word of the police officer alone that the man approached her — even though he could not hear the conversation — will be enough to convict him.

Mr Larry Gostin, general secretary of the National

Council for Civil Liberties, sees the issues as complicated. They are to be studied by both the NCCL's women's rights and police committees.

While he feels strongly that a woman has a right to be protected from the fear of sexual assault, he also wants to see the man in the street protected from arbitrary arrest. He wants two criteria for arrest and conviction to be met — that the woman is genuinely made afraid by the man's approach (otherwise mere cat-calling out of a window would be an arrestable offence) and that there should be evidence that the man really was kerb crawling (not merely asking directions, for instance).

He said: "The bill widens the powers of the police. The proper protection for women does not mean giving them wholly vague and ambiguous powers to the police. They should make them specific and give the defendant some right to answer."

The National Association of Probation Officers, who know more about the twilight street

corner world of prostitution than most people outside the trade, voted at their last AGM to oppose the bill.

They feel that a climate of opinion has been whipped up — a revolution against kerb crawling in residential areas like Tooting in London where prostitutes have recently gathered since their old haunts, such as Kings Cross, have been the subject of clean-up campaigns by police. This climate of opinion they compare to the one that preceded the video nasties legislation which was used to get through a law imposing blanket censorship on videos, they say.

Mr Murray Bruggen, an assistant chief probation officer and ex-chairman of NAPO, linked the proposed new legislation to increased police powers through the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill — as well as to the old "sus" law.

At October's AGM, he told NAPO that police clean-up operations in red light districts had resulted in greater harassment of the poor, and

specifically, black women residents.

"The proposed legislation would simply broaden this harassment to include poor black men," he said. "Of course women must be protected from coercion, must be protected from intimidation and even from nuisance but this protection is possible under existing legislation, the kerb crawling legislation which time and time again the police choose not to use."

Prostitution is not illegal in this country, but nor are brothels licensed. Prostitution is like a pile of dirty washing — inevitable but best hidden away. NAPO thinks the problems of red light districts, and the dangers — both to ordinary women and to prostitutes — of soliciting are best dealt with by facilitating the necessary contact between prostitutes and their clients.

The English Collective of Prostitutes, who are by no means won over to the bill by arguments that it is egalitarian legislation, enabling men as well as women to be

prosecuted for soliciting, also argue that existing laws would be adequate to stop women being harassed — if the police chose to use them.

They say that the present law on assault makes it an offence to "cause a person to apprehend immediate physical danger" — in other words to put them in fear. In their campaign statement against the kerb crawling legislation, they say: "In practice this law on assault is not of much use in protecting women. But that is not because the law — or the police — have too little power. It is because protecting women is not what the police and the courts do with the law as it stands."

Taking customers off the streets would make a prostitute's life even more hazardous than it is at the moment, they say. "Kerb crawling legislation would further undermine prostitute women's civil rights and therefore increase the risk of physical violence from pimps, clients and corrupt police officers."

"In addition, men's fear of

arrest would shorten the time available for a woman to talk to a potential client while she makes an assessment of him before she agrees to go with him. More prostitute women (the numbers are already high) are likely to be robbed, assaulted, raped and murdered as a result."

Women Against Rape supports their campaign because of concern for the potential isolation and danger to prostitute women, and because they fear that police resources will go increasingly into rounding up kerb crawlers and prostitutes at the expense of hunting sex attackers and rapists.

But sadly for the women's movement as a whole, the issue has been divisive. According to the statement of the Campaign Against Kerb Crawling Legislation, whose co-ordinator is Nina Lopez-Jones of the English Collective of Prostitutes, "This general climate of repression has strengthened the anti-men and anti-sex of the women's movement. The most extreme expression of this trend — the view that

women's enemy is 'the man next door' and that the increased police powers are needed against him — has given scope to the police, courts and legislators seeking to penalise the poorest sections of our communities."

Janet Footes, in presenting the private members bill, claims she has most women's support on her side. She says the purpose of her bill is to stamp out "no-go" areas for women and allow them to walk at night in peace and tranquillity. When questioned about the civil rights of men suspected of kerb crawling, or indeed, of prostitutes, she becomes heated. She has visited Tooting, for instance, where some families are too frightened to turn out of their homes after dark.

But her opponents say that to criminalise kerb crawling is another attempt to pretend that prostitution does not exist — and to hope that it will somehow go away. The proposed legislation does not deal with the real problems, they say, and its side effects could be grim.

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She's been on at me for WEEKS! Told her she didn't need one!...she's only got one with her own money!

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Oh SHUDDUP about it!

Yeah, well you got problems TOO!! Haven't you?.... Can't come to terms with your little girl growing up, CAN you?!!

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## Vanity Fair

AT LONG last someone's come up with an answer to that most dreaded of questions: the Single Homeless DHSS at Castleton House, made desperate by overwork, suddenly discovered that they can't live with these people at all because they're not Castleton residents. They can just send them away, off to the next area.

And not only are they going to get rid of the Single Homeless, but they're going to do it in a way that's one for A-K, another for L because life itself is a lottery and the two officers in charge are individuals, just like the rest of us, and have each thought up their own innovative plan.

Somehow, the Rootless learn that if they turn up at Castleton House, destitute, they're entitled to an Urgent Needs Payment to secure accommodation, but Officer A-K has decided that they shall not get one. Not until they've provided a receipt showing they've spent a night in the area, which they can't do until they've received a Payment for lodging, which they can't have until they've stayed in one, because until they have they're not Residents. Ha ha.

Officer A-K swears blind that at least 90 per cent come back with a receipt. Just like that. With no money, like magic. That only leaves about 15 persons a week who disappear without trace. That way, Officer A-K gets rid of quite a few.

Officer L-Z doesn't ask for a receipt. He gives Claimants from out of town a Form instead, and they're to take it away, and fill it in with employers' names, dates and results of interviews, to prove they're really looking for a job. Officer L-Z goes along with the popular belief that they're all here for a holiday, because this time of year London has far more to offer than the seaside. It's the

sparkle of the metropolis that draws them. Stunned by the vibrant quality of town life, teenagers are scarcely conscious of the verminous hovels in which they lodge while holidaying.

Officer knows that L-Z Homeless have come here on purpose to restrict their availability for town life's obvious. B&B is much too expensive for persons in their line of jobs. Anyway, off they go with their forms, and a day or so later, when they're filled up with receipts, they can come back for a Payment for one night's lodging, then they'll get a receipt, then they're Residents, and London is theirs.

Officer L-Z says 40-50 per cent come back with their forms and 75 per cent of those are paid. That gets rid of quite a few more.

To be fair, it has to be said that poor DHSS has been totally overworked. Being right next to Castleton Main Line Station and bang in the middle of B&B country, droves of Homeless came pouring down to Castleton from the dying North, straight into their office. They had to get rid of something, and it couldn't be Pensioners' Order Books, because of inevitable public outcry, but fortunately, the Public don't mind so much about the Homeless and Rootless, which made them a good choice for starters.

However, help for DHSS is at hand. Our Government is coming to the rescue. It's going to cut out all sorts of Payments, so there'll be nothing to claim. DHSS's workload will be hugely diminished. Government hasn't worried particularly about the Sing Homeless, because it doesn't know they're there, and when the Underground's open all night and they're down there out of the way, we need never worry about them again.

Michele Hanson











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**LAMBETH HOUSING Information Officer** so1 (Ref. H23) £10,251-£10,851 incl.

Lambeth's Housing and Property Services Directorate, in providing a range of services to its inner city multi-racial community relies on sound and practical information and advice from its staff in relation to their specific work areas.

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The work will primarily involve preparing relevant materials on housing issues to be used in the Council's consultation and information-giving exercises. This will also necessitate arranging and attending meetings, some of which will take place outside normal office hours.

Whilst there are existing channels through which the Council consults its community on aspects of housing provision, one of the main objectives of this post will be to make the consultative process more extensive and improve its effectiveness.

As this is a new post, we are looking for someone with an imaginative approach, coupled with sound analytical ability and the ability to initiate and prioritise work.

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Individuals can apply for job sharing.

For application form and job description please contact the Personnel Officer, Directorate of Housing and Property Services, London Borough of Lambeth, Hambrook House, Porden Road, London SW2 (Tel: 01-274 7722, Ext. 2053). Closing date: 22nd February, 1985.

As part of Lambeth's Equal Opportunities Policy, applications are welcome from people regardless of race, creed, nationality, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation or responsibility for children or dependants.

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**Assistant Regional Information Officer**

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Write to the Personnel Officer, NCVO, 25 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3RU, for further details and application form. Closing date for completed applications: 21 February.

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If you're a keen writer for this position, please send a letter and a CV outlining your relevant skills and experience to: Judith Farquhar, City Limits, 313 Upper Street, London N1 2XQ. Closing date for applications is February 11.

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Applicants must have 'A' level standard of education, a minimum of two years office / secretarial experience at a senior level, sound knowledge of word processing, and a high standard of shorthand and typing.

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Salary: £9,255-£11,325.

The GLC is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

For an application form, to be returned by 22nd February 1985, please send to: GLC Department of Recruitment and the Arts, Room 686, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-433 7666.

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'Hearts with the striking miners': musicians from the Welsh National Opera busking in Birmingham — picture by Don McPherson

# Backbench gloating that could put paid to hopes of pit harmony

MICHAEL MEADOWCROFT

TIME AND again settlement of the mining dispute falters at the brink because all out political and industrial machinery is designed to cope with disputes over pay and conditions and is incapable of escaping from the traditional truce when faced with industrial action over the future of jobs.

Similarly Parliament cannot cope either. As the Speaker riskily opined in rejecting an emergency debate, raising the topic in the House of Commons might not be "helpful". The public also is desperately torn. Their hearts are with the striking miners but their minds are reluctantly with the Government. How else can one explain the astonishing sums of money volun-

fairly donated to miners' families and the ubiquitous "Coal Not Dole" stickers both involving individuals who would not dream of encouraging Arthur Scargill's tactics. Scargill can be the partisan for each side have been so insensitive to public feeling. I believe that the public recognises that to go on strike brings appropriate hardship, but not the abject sacrifice scrowed out of the miners by this Government. Consequently there has been a wide readiness to make donations towards token redress. On the other side there is an acceptance of union solidarity, even if it means a bogus solidarity that pretends that the thousands of work-

ing miners do not exist. Hence the bitterness of many hard pressed unemployed men and women at left wing local authorities discriminating with public money in support of the strikers rather than being seen to help all those with an equivalent need. When the strike is over there will, I hope, be serious attempts to write a thorough history of a dispute which will have profound effects on our future politics. There are crucial questions to be answered in calmer days. How far were political aims behind both sides of the dispute. Did Arthur Scargill want a strike in March 1984? Would an initial ballot have been won? How

many of those who remained on strike, particularly in Yorkshire and South Wales, were reluctant supporters, influenced by community and physical pressure? Why did the NUM not grasp the NACODS settlement with its crucial gain of a review process to legitimate social and community considerations, and claim it as a famous victory? Did Ian McGregor not realise the inevitable consequences of imposing a national strategy on the industry, thus fatally setting aside the remarkable relationships and trust at the area level? Why was it never stressed that health and safety risks increase as seams and pits are worked towards exhaustion? And, of vital importance,

how did police strategy and operational control develop during the dispute, and what was the cost of the strike in increased crime elsewhere? For myself, I hope that the NUM does not split and that it is strong enough to reassert its integrity and to re-establish its reputation as one of the most democratic of trade unions. The personal and pride of its President block the route to recovery and it would be a tragedy, though alas unsurprisingly, if the future unity of the NUM has to be sacrificed to preserve its leader's position. Every action in politics, as in physics, has an equal and opposite reaction and the paradox is that Conservative reactions

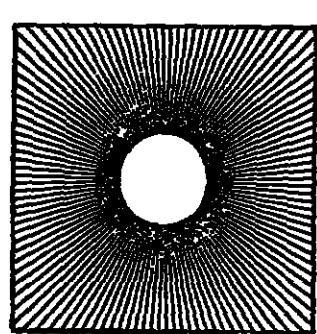
to the ending of the dispute will play a large part in determining the extent and speed of the recovery of the crucial acceptance of a consensus on procedures which is vital in any parliamentary democracy. Today's debate in Parliament will not be important for its outcome but for what signals it gives to those outside. If the Labour Left, in its usual attitude of arrogant infallibility, goads the Government it will encourage the NUM further into isolation. If Government Ministers, or more likely, Conservative backbenchers, crow and gloat over what they believe to be a victory — however Pyrrhic — they will demonstrate a crass blindness that will delay a

settlement and deepen future scars. I noted that on Thursday night's Question Time it was the two non-MPs, John Harvey-Jones and Sir Anthony Parsons, who stressed the need to avoid at all costs humiliating those on strike. The motive force behind this strike has never been the desire to be miners for ever and a day, still less to send sons and grandsons down the same pits, but the despair at the lack of any foreseeable alternative employment and a deep instinctive understanding of the damage pit closures will do to those close-knit communities. Neither Labour, nor Conservative parties understand the primacy of community over class, small wonder

then that the frustration of the miners with the impotence of our present politics has been fearsome to behold. Politics cannot go on as before, nor should they, but if the dispute is to enhance the future rather than to harm it the peace must also be won. Towards this the NUM can offer to re-examine the cases of the 620 sacked miners and to reinstate wherever possible. In return the NUM can recognise that those who worked during the strike did so for honourable motives and should stress that there must be no victimisation either way. Without such generosity of spirit the future is indeed bleak.

Michael Meadowcroft is Liberal MP for Leeds West.

## What if the teacher disbelieves the lesson?



### FACE TO FAITH

Roger Beckwith

IN CHURCHES with bishops, like the Church of England, the bishop tends to be a rather distant figure. Originally this was not so, but as the membership of the church grew, it was cautious about multiplying bishops and separating off new dioceses. Today, the ordinary church-member rarely sees the bishop except at confirmations, and rarely hears him, except perhaps on the media or in newsprint. Because of the large size and population of the modern diocese it is tempting

for the bishop to give himself up to administration. The temptation, however, is one to be resisted, for the church services and regulations make it very clear that the main duties of the bishop remain what they have always been: to exercise pastoral care and to teach.

All clergy have the duty of teaching, but ever since the office of bishop evolved as a separate order about the beginning of the second century, the bishop has been the chief teacher in his particular diocese. This remains the case today. The service for the consecration of a bishop in the Prayer Book charges him to "teach and exhort with wholesome doctrine" and "banish and drive away all erroneous and strange opinions contrary to God's Word," and the corresponding service in the recent Alternative Service Book charges him to "guard the church's faith" and to "uphold the truth of the Gospel against error."

Similarly, the new body of church-regulations or "Canons" says that the bishop is "to teach and to uphold sound and wholesome doctrine, and to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange opinions contrary to God's Word."

The official teaching of the Church of England is based upon the Bible and is briefly summarised in the creeds and (at rather greater length) in the 39 Articles.

But from time to time since the 18th century, the church has had in its midst, and even among its clergy, bodies of opinion which have found the supernatural character of Christianity a stumbling block and have therefore been uneasy about assenting even to the creeds. The existence of these bodies of opinion has been tacitly acknowledged, and no attempt has been made to restrict them, so long as they have conformed to the church's liturgy and have shown restraint in their public utterances.

In academic circles they have even been rather encouraged, on the assumption that it stretches people's minds to have their faith challenged, and will in the long run strengthen it rather than weaken it. Nevertheless, whenever these bodies of opinion have sought to obtain the church's endorsement, it has been withheld. This may seem churlish or inconsistent, but the grounds for it have been that private opinion is not the same thing as public teaching, and that academic exploration is not the same thing as authorised belief.

When, in the report Doctrine in the Church of England (1938), it was revealed that some of the members of the commission that produced it disbelieved in miracles, the virgin birth of Christ and his bodily resurrection, petitions of protest

by over 8,000 clergy were submitted, and Convocation declined to endorse its content.

The lower house of Canterbury Convocation passed by a large majority a resolution that the clergy have no right to reinterpret the creed in the way proposed (June 3, 1938). Even the chairman of the commission (William Temple, the then Archbishop of York) prefixed an introduction to the report in which he emphatically dissociated himself from the views expressed on those three matters.

Similarly, the radical report Christian Believing (1975) was never even received by the General Synod, and practically the only references made to it in official circles were expressions of strong criticism. Neither report therefore resulted in any endorsement of the anti-supernaturalist views held by some, but simply in an acknowledgment of their existence.

Since the bishops have been commissioned to act as the chief guardians of the church's faith, particular care has been taken to avoid the appointment of bishops who will cause scandal by public expressions of disbelief. The appointment of Hensley Henson as a bishop in 1917 was challenged on these grounds, but Henson was able to satisfy his critics that his doubts did not extend to disbelief.

Those of Bishop Barnes certainly did not when he published them in his book The Rise of Christianity (1947), both archbishops, in their respective Convocations, publicly invited him to resign.

What are they going to do this time, in face of the denials of the Bishop of Durham The General Synod is to debate the matter this month, and extracts from both the above reports have been circulated to members by the Standing Committee, without any mention of their entirely unofficial character.

A Note on the Legal Aspects has also been circulated, which quotes without comment a very misleading description of the 1938 report as "especially valuable in that it indicates the differences in views which are held and which are allowable within the Church of England."

After the debate, it is proposed that the House of Bishops should reflect on it and in due course report back to the Synod. If they should report that these views "are allowable," and allowable even in the public utterances of bishops, a dangerous new departure will have been made, and the reaction seems likely to be fierce.

The Rev. Roger Beckwith is Warden of Latimer House, Oxford.



### OUT OF COURT

Richard Clayton  
Hugh Tomlinson

WHEN THE Labour Government reformed trade union law in 1974, it is unlikely that they intended to prevent unions from suing in libel. But the miners' strike has highlighted an apparent anomaly. When an individual, a company, or even a local authority, is accused of organising violence and intimidation, they can bring proceedings, and unless the allegations are proved, some other defence is raised, they can recover substantial sums for damage to their reputation. The miners' union, it seems, has no such remedy.

This was the conclusion when the Electricians' Union sued the Times for defamation in 1980. The court ruled that because a union (unlike a company) does not legally exist separately from its members, it does not have a reputation in its own right that can be damaged. The decision was based on the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974. This says that a union shall not be "treated as a corporation."

No one would challenge the judge's view that the 1974 Act has transformed a union's status. It now seems to be essentially an unincorporated association like any members club. The obstacles in the way of an unincorporated association bringing libel proceedings are basically procedural. The method prescribed by the Act for a members club taking action make suing for libel impossible. Since each member's reputation is different, they cannot all join together in one case and claim their reputations have suffered identical damage.

The position with partnerships is quite different. Although they comprise individuals carrying on in business together, the partnership firm itself does not exist in law. Yet the Court rules allow partnerships to sue under the partnership name.

In one specific sense trade unions resemble partnerships. The 1974 Act allows them to bring a case in the union's name. That ought to

be sufficient to permit them to sue for damages.

In most people's eyes, a union does have a reputation and has some kind of existence distinct from its members who belong to it.

There is another basis for suggesting that unions can sue if defamed. The 1974 Act gives unions powers different in kind from a members' club. Some tribunal writers think that this means that unions in fact have some kind of "legal personality."

Before 1950, trade unions were often successful in using the courts to defend their good name. In a 1946 case the Court of Appeal emphasised that this type of litigation served the public interest. Lord Justice Scott referred to "the disintegration of a trade union which might be produced by unjustifiable libels, uncontrolled by the 'tribunal courts'." He insisted that such a disintegration was a real risk and that the trade union system of collective bargaining might be "utterly defeated."

When the NUM's reputation has in fact been damaged and whether it can have any legal defence, matters for a libel jury.

The present Government's 1982 Employment Act has made it possible to sue trade unions for defamation. For the first time since 1956, it seems strange that now unions are liable for defaming others, they may not have the same remedy for preventing attacks on their own reputation.

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## How capitalist myths make scapegoats of their victims

Jeremy Seabrook

WITH even the officially pruned unemployment figures continuing to rise, perhaps it is time to ask once more a question that has surfaced only intermittently during the past six years: how is it possible that what had long been considered intolerable should have proved so acceptable, that what had been thought inadmissible should have become so banal?

The origin of this comparative meekness in the presence of mass unemployment is not of recent date. To put it harshly, if during the gold years people can be encouraged to accept that the rewards of capitalism are a reflection of their personal merit, then when the bad times return, they can be the more easily obliged to accept that the old visitations of poverty and insecurity are a result of their own individual failings. In other words, the apparent stability of the Thatcher years has about it the smouldering silence and fear of the relationship between blackmail and its victims.

In an earlier phase of industrial society, Political Economy taught that people could lift themselves out of poverty only by their own exertions. Individual effort was the answer to insufficiency and hunger. This creed, let alone to save for sickness and old age. The wasted muscle of men, the depleted energy and exhaustion of women, the fragile hold on life of the undernourished children were the source of the resistance to this imposed ideology, and the living roots from which the collective defences of labour grew.

But if many refused to defer to the teaching of their betters that poverty and hunger were their own fault, such resistance always seemed far less necessary at times of sustained improvement. Indeed, the very reverse of resistance seems called for then. What was there, for instance, to resist in our experience of the long post-war boom — that most recent of golden ages? There hung over that period of sense of just deserts, of reward for past sufferings. It appeared a fitting climax to years of struggle, and created a wide-

spread feeling that justice had been done. Few then living doubted that all the great wrongs had been redressed; even though we were prevailed upon to see these improvements in our daily lives as though they were the successes of individuals.

For during this time, the difference between personal and collective gains was systematically blurred. The fact that people are markedly less chary of claiming personal responsibility for collectively won rewards than they are of rejecting such responsibility for socially imposed evils is a human weakness which capitalism has not been slow to exploit.

Indeed the teachings of political economy (not recognised at that time for what they were) now found more willing pupils. Many people did not disdain to take credit for rising living standards; as though they had personally wrested them from "the jungle," "the rat-race," "the world of dog-eat-dog," in the muted imagery employed at that time to devote the capitalist system.

In other words, what had been fiercely resisted for generations, and had given substance and conviction to the labour movement, underwent a disarming transformation. In the milder atmosphere

of the welfare state, all the good things that being available then were so unambiguously desirable that we were eager to lay claim to our own — individual — part in these otherwise mysterious processes.

"I would never let my children go down the pits" was a characteristic response of the miners in the sixties, even as the pits closed down all around them. "I sacrificed myself to keep you out of the factory," said parents, while the staple industry which had given their town its reason for existence in the first place dwindled away to become only a minority employer of labour. "I gave you an education," declared those people confronted by their children's apparent ingratitude, as though they themselves had conjured out of nowhere the expanded educational opportunities of the 50s and 60s, which was demanded by the growing bureaucratic complexity of the welfare state.

The consequences of this willingness — however understandable — to identify ourselves as individuals with the advantages offered by the high moment of post-war prosperity, have been far-reaching. Of course, there were those who warned that the "settlement" of 1945 might have undesirable long-

term consequences, but they were easily silenced: spoilsports, Cassandras, or obsessive ideologues who refused any compromise.

But the benefits to capitalism of this apparent truce with its workers have become blindingly clear in the eighties. The manner in which people accepted, not in the abstract but in the most palpable material terms, the ideology of individualism, can now be turned against them. Now that the old nightmares of poverty and unemployment have become necessary once more, those who accepted their former prosperity as a sign of personal virtue and merit must now accept the blame, and all who find themselves excluded from the feast discover that they must be inadequate or unworthy individuals.

Since everything else still remains in place, in spite of the "personal misfortune" of life on the dole, or indeed of any other socially produced ills, there can be nothing wrong with a system which, for the majority, still appears beneficent and humane. After all, the shops remain full, commodities continue to be produced, the old, the young, the migrant — with nothing more than a shrug of resignation. All these things, sandered from their real causes,

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But the consequences of that once-happy arrangement, which balanced our merited rewards with the benign provider of them, go far beyond this. For during the long period of collusive silence between capital and the defenders of labour, a majority of us became so accustomed to what we had gained, so dependent upon its continuing that way, that we were prepared to accept all kinds of repugnant social by-products of so fortunate a state of affairs, as long as it seemed that nothing would impair our rising standards of living. This is how new forms of ugliness and violence came to be assimilated into our daily lives — drugs and glue and assaults and brutalities against the old, the young, the migrant — with nothing more than a shrug of resignation.

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Of course, all these processes occur below the threshold of a political debate that has become meaner and thinner over the years. Admittedly, it is disturbing to examine too closely the developments to which we were once such willing accessories. But unless we do so, it does mean that we are bound to continue to support the judgment of capitalism that all the violence, the damage to those robbed of purpose and function, the rising rate of crime and suicide, are all the failings of flawed individuals. In this way, socially inflicted injuries gain immunity from their real causes.

their origins; and the system is excruciated from any role in the production of blemished individuals.

The struggle to win back this long-ceded terrain is likely to be long and painful; but it is our work on the Left to make sure that the blame for these disorders is lodged where it properly belongs. There is in many of us a strong residue of guilt at our own acquiescence; a sense of real culpability; and a need therefore to deny our complicity in these processes, as well as the urge to avoid the day of reckoning.

Capitalist ideology bites deeply and corrosively into our daily lives. It came as part of that package which we bought so unquestioningly, so trustingly. It is the small, faint, all-pervading, distracting, fancy, "wrong" that came with the free gifts and prizes and comforts with which we were showered for so many years. It entwines itself with our feelings, winds its way around our affections, distorts our deepest needs, colours our whole conception of our selves and our human purposes, distorts even our dreams. How we are to disentangle ourselves from it must be at the centre of any discussion about alternatives; not "as theory," but as the toughest and most intractable of material realities.

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NEXT month the film industry will start celebrating British Film Year. But the Government's film policy will cast a gloom over the proceedings because it is handing over the major responsibility for film financing to a fragile private sector and legislation that has propped up British film-makers for more than 30 years is being scrapped.

The celebration of British film is an attempt to arrest a catastrophic decline in cinema attendances from a peak of 1.5 billion in 1948. Edmissions fell to 68 million in 1983 and dropped further last year.

The Films Bill, which will become law in the spring, partly reflects the Government's response to the economic decline, but instead of finding new ways to prop up an ailing industry, the bill seeks to expose the industry to the chill winds of market forces by dismantling almost all state support for British film.

The National Film Finance Corporation, a state agency set up by Labour in 1969 to provide film producers with risk capital, is to be replaced by a consortium of private interests with minimal state support, and the Eady Levy on cinema admissions, which has been a steady provider of film finance, will stop.

Alan Sapper, general secretary of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians (ACTT), sees the Films Bill as a disastrous piece of legislation. "On the one hand, the Government commends and congratulates the achievements of our film production; and then, by axing all that has supported this high level of production, still expects the industry to maintain its present buoyant level."

Existing state support started to be dismantled in January 1983 when the exhibitors' quota was suspended. This date, but to the 1977 Films Act when the Government first stepped in to protect the struggling British film industry from the crushing impact of American competition, forcing exhibitors to show a percentage of British films. But since they have quite failed to stem the Hollywood flood most people have applauded the ending of the quota.

The scrapping of the Eady Levy and the NFFC, however, comes as a double blow for the industry, and follows closely on the heels of the Chancellor's decision last year to enter concessions designed to encourage producers to make films in Britain.



Tax allowances helped make the Oscar-laden Gandhi (above); and the NFFC backed Bill Forsyth and Gregory's Girl (right).

British Film Year is about to start, but what will there be left to celebrate? Sarah Street reports

## A Bill to kill the British film

Between a quarter and a third of the money Goldencrest put into Charlois of Fire came from tax allowances. Without this fiscal help Charlois of Fire and David Lean's forthcoming film of A Passage to India might never have been made.

Marc Samuelson, of the Association of Independent Producers (AIP), points out: "Much of what the Government loves to call the renaissance of British films would not have been made without tax allowances because what they did was to swing the balance just enough to give City investors and large corporations that final nudge and make a film a high but worthwhile risk investment. With the

removal of the allowances we may see a drop of one third in production."

The decision to abolish the Eady Levy has been greeted with dismay by most of the film industry, including the AIP, the ACTT, The British Film Institute, the British Film and Television Producers Association, the Directors Guild, and the National Film and Television School.

As part of an unprecedented joint manifesto they would like to see the levy restructured to take into account the modern-day reality that most people now watch films on television and video cassettes rather than in the cinema. In their view cinema partners in the NFFC's suc-

cessor, the British Screen Finance Corporation.

An amendment was passed during the Films Bill's committee stage for a levy on films shown on television, though it may not survive the bill's passage through the Lords. Marc Samuelson explains its merit: "The BBC and ITV are a duopoly. The equivalent income which used to come from the cinema should now be coming from television. As it is, television pays very low prices for the films it buys."

"The AIP wants television companies to contribute 0.25p per viewer for each film shown on television. The proceeds would go into a central pot from which only British film-makers



could be able to draw. Last year there were 4 billion viewings of film on television. At 0.25p per viewer the production fund would have benefited by £10 million at the cost of only an extra 30p on the licence fee."

"But the reaction of the television companies has been hysterical. We're talking about £10 million. What's the combined income of the BBC and ITV £100,000 million."

The BFI Production Board, sponsor of low-budget films like the successful The Draughtsman's Contract and the recent Berlin Festival prize-winner, Ascendancy, is another casualty of the Films Bill. The board has received £125,000 a year from Eady

and, apart from some final handouts before the levy is wound up, it will get nothing except for its continuing share of the BFI's base funding by government.

According to Peter Sainsbury, head of the BFI Production Board, scrapping Eady will remove about 20 per cent of the board's annual budget. "There are a great number of young actors, writers, musicians, directors and producers for whom the whole thing is an unmitigated disaster."

The major casualty of the Films Bill will be the National Film Finance Corporation. Since it was set up in 1949, the NFFC has helped to make more than 750 films, including The Third Man, Saturday Night and Sunday Morning, and The Servant. More recent ventures have been Gregory's Girl and Another Country.

The NFFC has traditionally supported modestly budgeted films that were unlikely to attract commercial backing. The British Screen Finance Corporation, which will replace it, will have £3 million a year to disperse, half of it provided by the Government.

But unlike the NFFC, the new company will be run by a consortium made up of Thomson-EMI, Rank, Channel 4 and the British Videogram Association.

Although the BSFC's aim is to provide up to a third of the finance for between eight and ten low-budget films a year, it is hard to imagine the new company attracting significant City investment unless it has the sort of funds that a television film levy would yield. There seems to be nothing to stop any or all the members of the consortium pulling out if they disagree on production policy.

Mamoun Hassan, who resigned as managing director of the NFFC last year, is pessimistic about the future: "The legislation is the result of irrational, obsessive preoccupations with a theory. What the Films Bill is setting out to do is unrealistic, unimaginative and unhelpful. Why do we have to go through this extraordinary palaver to replace something that is already there?"

Without any assurances that this privatised film production company will preserve the NFFC's tradition, British Film Year could be an exercise in pure nostalgia, looking back on a renaissance that was stifled at birth.

Sarah Street is the co-author of Cinema And State: The Film Industry and the British Government, 1927-84, to be published by the BFI later this month.

Hugh Hebert on a classy Polish soap opera

## Crimes past

WITH a title like As The Years Pass As The Days Pass (C4) and the sort of storyline TV Times cooks up, you think this must be period soap. But you know very well that nothing made by Andrzej Wajda could be just soap, period.

In the first three episodes, three apparent liberators — artists, bohemians — fail the repressed women who look to them, not by wilting, but by desertion or by conforming. And there are three loveless marriages to which the women have to submit under intense social and economic pressures. Wajda could be just soap, period.

We might, with Lady Bracknell, count one a misfortune, two as carelessness. Two and a half begins to look like intent. Maybe in the exhaustion of those bitterly made matches lies Wajda's metaphor for the legalised rape of Poland over many decades before Solidarity came along.

He made As The Years Pass in 1980, well after the far more outspoken film Man of Marble (to be seen on Channel 4 on Wednesday), but this is eight 30-minute episodes for domestic television, not a feature film with a future mainly in the art movie houses of the world. It Wajda and his collaborator Edward Klosinski seem to have slipped back into using costume drama to dress up their political messages, there was probably good reason.

The series is about the families of two sisters, Janina and Aniele, married to two colleagues who work in a bank in Cracow. It starts in the 1970s, reached 1988 this weekend, and will tick on for another five more or less self-contained episodes that bring it up to the first world war.

In this episode Julka, Janina's rebellious daughter, became involved with the bohemian-political world of art students, free thinkers, sexual liberators. But like her mother and aunt before her, she is being pressured to marry a respectable, boring older man.

The times may seem less repressive now, as the century begins to turn — more freedom in art, more hope of political liberty, the young people may gather round the piano to sing bracing revolutionary songs. But the older rebel who has been around a bit plays only Chopin's funeral march.

As The Years Pass is warm, richly layered, ironic, often funny, and has laid its hand on my shoulder like the Ancient Mariner.

By contrast the first half of Knockback (BBC-2) last week held me mainly by inertia and a sense of duty. The second half this week, and at least, got on with the main story of how a love affair, and finally marriage, bloomed between a murderer serving life and his prison visitor; all based on a true story, as they say.

I still didn't believe much in the prisons or the screws, both looking rather too well scrubbed, and after three hours in the company of Derrick O'Connor's strong, persuasive performance, I still don't know how much of a con man the murderer really is; and maybe I shouldn't.

### FESTIVAL HALL/RADIO 3/BBC-2

Edward Sackerson

### Chicago SO



Sir Georg Solti

I LIKE to think that one of these days distinguished American visitors like the Chicago Symphony will arrive in London bearing symphonies by Roy Harris, William Schuman or Charles Ives instead of the statutory European and East European classics. Sir Georg Solti had at least chosen to preface his Mozart and Tchaikovsky with something home-grown and new to London from the voguish, middle generation of American composers. And that's a start, at least.

Corigliano is a showman, an entertaining and unashamed eclect with a sense of humour and a flair for the bombastic and theatrical. His Tournaments Overture — though nowhere near top-notch Corigliano — was fairly typical: a rowdy piece of crowd-pleasing business which at worst afforded us the dazzling spectacle of every finely-tuned component of the Chicago orchestra jostling for a share of the limelight.

That's exactly what Tournaments is: a virtuosic contest where even the contra-

bassoon gets to be a star, and the piccolo is convinced he's a star. In a Sostakovich scherzo, Samuel Barber might not have discarded the wait-like allegretto at its heart but for the most part it was put in mind of Walton the tang and spice of Scriabin without the earnest discipline or precision.

Precision was something which weighed all too heavily on Solti's dispiriting account of Mozart's Symphony No. 39. What can one say about a Mozart performance which so signally fails to communicate the spiritual elevation of this music, which renders so prosaically that which is elegant and surprising.

Here was Mozart of regimental efficiency, clean-lined, fastidiously ordered, but so utterly impersonal and loveless.

Freer by its very nature, ballet still calculated to half, was Solti's Tchaikovsky Fourth. The emotions here too often struck me as over-laid, the refulgent Chicago cellos, for instance, beautiful but fractionally too well drilled in the turning of the expressive corners. But at least Solti caught something of the melancholy and menace of the piece, ruthlessly screwing up tension from the moment that brassy fate motif first cleaves the air right through to a feverish, grandstand finale. It's a neon-brilliant band all right — one which knows intimately its conductor's every reflex — but whether or not it had a face of a heart on this occasion is a matter of opinion.

ST JOHN'S/RADIO 3  
Hugo Cole

### Holmboe premiere

BRITTEN'S Hymn To St Cecilia, simple and euphonious and therefore demanding more precise tuning and balance than the most hair-raising modernities, well demonstrated the versatility and musicality of the BBC Singers. It also showed their ability to adapt to this hall (where ensemble can be

ruined by one over-enthusiastic performer) and to turn off the vibrato at will, suiting the voice to the occasion. Holmboe's Hominis Dies called for a more robust approach. This motet in three sections is brisk, athletic, determinedly plain and businesslike, eschewing all sensuous harmonies or suggestions of other-worldly ecstasy. One admires Holmboe's energy and his honest, no-nonsense style; but the music evokes no mysteries.

Two choruses by Dallapiccola to words by a nephew of Michelangelo wittily bemoaned the fate of ill-married women and hen-pecked men. Dallapiccola allows word inflections and the mood of the moment to colour the music as Monteverdi might have done; but these are also perfectly balanced little compositions minor works of a major master.

Equally intriguing were Ligeti's Three Fantasies for 16 solo voices; generally slow moving, making imaginative use of many strange sound effects, including voices clustered tightly together at high levels, producing remarkable beats and overtones, and strange growling sounds from the basses that made me think of those Tibetan chants where all sing in a sort of unison at the lowest level their voices will reach.

Penderecki's Agnus Dei, simple to the point of obviousness but also sure of touch, effective and moving, made me anxious to hear the new Polish Requiem of which it forms part.

Schoenberg's Friede auf Erden, uncharacteristic in its use of conjunct melody but not in its density of texture, is a noble work which saved the singer's powers of endurance to the limit but was worth all efforts called for from performers and listeners.

ICA  
Kenneth Rea

### A Minute Too Late

ANY DOUBTS I previously had about Theatre de Complicité being derivative (as many Leccq offspring are) was swept away in A Minute Too Late, their second major show, and easily the most entertaining offering of this year's Mime Festival.

It uses mime in a fresh and integrated way to examine attitudes towards death. And if that sounds an unpromising subject, let me add that Josef Houben, Marcello Magni and Simon McBurney create an endless supply of visual and verbal humour that keeps the audience in fits of laughter. There is no sense of compromise with these people; you just sit back and enjoy them.

Not only is their timing immaculate, but they use a densely constructed framework within which to ex-

plore some of the taboos and clichés connected with death. Often a scene is intercut with lightning fast impressions of the subject under the usual euphemisms, when bodies go berserk with anxiety, then suddenly return to polite normality.

The humour may be black, but it stops short of being sick. And the measure of Complicité's comic sophistication is that, after all the gags, they have the confidence to end on a note of genuine poignancy.

WIGMORE HALL  
Edward Greenfield

### Aldeburgh in London

THE FIRST ever Aldeburgh Festival concert in June 1948 opened not with the music of Benjamin Britten, its co-founder, but with Purcell, his G minor Chacony, cranking profoundly into a tiny frame. Aptly that same piece opened this first Aldeburgh in London concert, designed to advertise current Festival delights to Londoners in a programme by young musicians specially associated with Aldeburgh, the Snape Maltings and the work of the Britten-Pears School.

It was only last summer that four leading members of the Britten-Pears Orchestra formed themselves into the

Brindis String Quartet, promptly distinguishing themselves in the Maltings competition. The Purcell at the start had warmth, resonance and sweetness of matching to suggest an orchestra in miniature, and it was the quartet's performance of an amazing work of Britten's boyhood, his Quartetino of 1930 written when he was only 18, which crowned the occasion.

Few if any composers in Britain in 1930, however experienced, were writing quartets as adventurous as this in its headreeling jousting of tonality. It seems that the boy even avoided showing this example of incipient revolution to his teacher, Frank Bridge, whose own advanced style provides the piece's starting point. The Brindis performance showed what an attractive and stylish addition to the repertoire the Quartetino should now prove with its three taut and sharply characterised movements.

Britten Canticles and realisations of Purcell provided the vocal element of the concert with three soloists accompanied by Iain Burnside.

Two very English singers, the tenor Mark Tucker and the baritone James Meek, were matched against the warily characterful black American countertenor, Derek Ragin, who in 1983 won the first Purcell-Britten Prize for concert singers.

The pity was that we heard Ragin so little, but he gave a deeply expressive account of his Purcell item, the elegiac Queen's Epicedium.

New to London was a work specially written last year for Sir Peter Pears, now no longer singing but as a reciter still as sharp and responsive as he was in his original recording of Walton's Facade 30 years ago. Robin Holloway's Moments of Vision sets some unexpected but memorable texts to warmly illustrative accompaniment from a chamber group including percussion (William Lockhart), nicely balanced to allow the speaker a role that for once in this hybrid genre is fully musical.

Alex Hamilton's paperback review will appear tomorrow.



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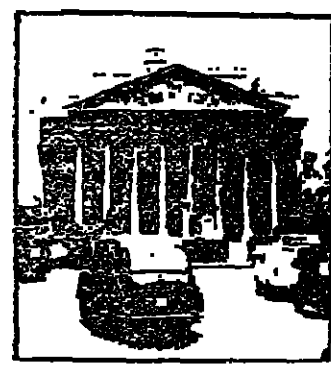
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# That which we call a tax... by any other name would cost us just as much



## ECONOMICS NOTEBOOK

Victor Keegan

IF I were Mrs Thatcher I would be saying thank goodness for the public sector, without which she would be unable to contemplate tax cuts.

Tax cuts to restore enterprise are, of course, at the core of the Government's fiscal policy. But they were supposed to be awarded when government borrowing

or public expenditure had been reduced to the pre-ordained guidelines. This is unlike in the United States where they believe that tax cuts help enterprise of themselves.

Indeed, early protagonists of supply side economics believed that tax cuts would create so much wealth that they would pay for themselves by generating extra tax revenue from an expanding economy which in turn would bring down the deficit. It sort of hasn't happened that way.

Mrs Thatcher's faith in the regenerative powers of tax cuts is only relative so she must get government borrowing (the public sector borrowing requirement or PSBR) down to the level prescribed in the ark of the Government's covenant — the Medium-Term Financial Strategy. Her method of keeping borrowing down is to freeze or, if possible, cut the growth of public expenditure.

This has not proved possible because of the remorseless growth of unemployment which has increased spending on social security by over 30 per cent in real

terms since 1978/79 and by defence (up 29 per cent in real terms over the same period) and interest on government debt (up almost 400 per cent).

This is where the public sector comes in. The Treasury has "neutralised" much of the overrun in spending by a combination of dubious accounting procedures and outrageous "backdoor" or surrogate taxation.

First, the accounting. As a result of an absurd convention — much criticised by the Commons Treasury Committee — the Government counts asset disposals (like British Telecom and BP) as negative public spending. In other words public expenditure in the financial year 1985/86 would be higher than the stated total of £132.1 billion but for £2.5 billion of disposals which reduce the total by that amount.

The Treasury has always argued that since such assets were regarded as increasing spending when they were acquired they should be regarded as negative spending when they are got rid of. But this takes no account

of the fact that the assets were acquired slowly over the course of the century while their sale is being concentrated into a period of very few years. Surely critics say, the income from such sales should be counted as funding borrowing (like sales of government stock) rather than reducing spending and therefore the size of the PSBR.

Sales of nationalised assets are expected to total £2.5 billion in the coming financial year. On top of that there are continuing sales of local authority assets, mainly council houses. Now it is one thing to sell assets and council houses (which are devalued) but quite another to use the proceeds for tax cuts.

The proceeds would surely be better employed financing long term capital development particularly in high technology.

For let there be no mistake, The Government would not be in a position even to contemplate tax cuts in next month's Budget (given its stated borrowing ceilings) without such cuts. Indeed,

without income from asset sales they would be in a tax raising stance.

But that is not all. The Government has now raised into a major policy initiative the highly dubious practice of surrogate or backdoor taxation. It happens when the Treasury forces nationalised industries like gas, water and electricity to raise their prices by more than they were intending to.

This is done to boost their profits enabling them to repay their loans to the Treasury which automatically reduces the borrowing requirement because nationalised industries are part of it. Of course, selling off assets also has the effect of shipping borrowing by public enterprises out of the PSBR without the total amount of borrowing having changed at all.

Finally there is the less publicised fact that in the last two budgets, Mr Lawson has greatly reduced (by £1 billion) the Treasury's contribution to the National Insurance Fund. This means that contributions by companies and individuals will have to be much higher than

they otherwise would have been.

Quite apart from the fact that Mr Lawson has no right to appoint himself marketing manager of all the nationalised industries (he constantly tells us that Whitehall has no expertise in such matters) there is no doubt that the Chancellor's motives are suspect. The reason he is forcing utilities to raise prices by more than they were intending to is that he desperately needs the cash to fulfil his election pledges.

It is taxation in all but name. Indeed it is worse because he is raising government revenue from consumers of water, gas and electricity many of whom are too poor to pay income tax for the purpose of relieving the tax burden of existing taxpayers. Why should the poor be asked again to lighten the load on those who are at least rich enough to be paying tax?

As a result of this subterfuge nationalised industries as a whole will be the losers in 1987-8 (according to last month's white paper) actually be net lenders to the Treasury rather than borrowers. The comparable situation

in the private sector would be if ICI lent money to Barclays instead of vice versa. Small wonder that Thames Water (forced to cut back on capital investment to meet the Government's repayment schedule) is leading the revolt with a "No tax on drinking water" campaign.

The idea of lending money to the banks owes more to the Alice in Wonderland economics of Thatcherism rather than the Victorian principles of the Earl of Stockton's grandfather who like fellow businessmen of his era, borrowed in order to expand.

It is difficult to put an exact figure on it but if one adds asset sales reduced Treasury insurance contributions and dispersals of council houses on to surrogate taxation it could be as high as something like £5 billion a year being raised in this way to finance tax cuts.

In other words there would be no prospect of tax cuts without them. What will happen when there are no more assets to dispose of? Since it will coincide with the running down of North

Sea oil there will presumably have to be quite sharp increases other things being equal.

Selling assets to finance tax cuts is a bit like selling the furniture to give the kids a bit more pocket money. Those who accept the above argument, however, would also have to admit that the Chancellor's "fiscal stance" (balance between income revenue and borrowing) is not quite as tight as might appear. Indeed if you remove all the house and asset dispersals it would make the UK Budget deficit (£10 billion in the first nine months of the year) almost 10 per cent of the whole economy (Gross domestic product).

But this does not alter the fact that Mr Lawson is distorting the national accounts. I await the next MP who asks a Parliamentary question about how much the national burden of taxation has increased adjusted for rates, insurance, surrogate taxation and asset sales. A man like Mr Lawson who makes great play of fiscal rectitude ought to know better.

## Chambers of Commerce call for £1 bn infrastructure plan

### Lawson urged to rethink

By John Hooper

In a submission which is completely at variance with the spreading plans set out by the Government in its recent White Paper, the Chamber of Commerce movement today calls on the Chancellor to launch a huge programme of infrastructure investment, rather than spend the money available to him on cuts in personal taxation.

Both the CBI and the TUC have been calling for greater investment in the infrastructure for more than a year now, partly as a way of alleviating unemployment and partly as a way of stimulating demand. Last month, the two organisations each presented papers arguing the case for greater spending on communications, sewers and so on to a

meeting of the National Economic Development Council.

The same meeting was also given a report prepared by NEDO warning that large sections of the nation's infrastructure were in critical need of repair. The backlog of crucial repairs, maintenance and renewal would cost at least £2 billion to clear, NEDO warned.

It added that unless it was tackled soon the figure would rise steeply. In today's submission, the Association of British Chambers of Commerce proposes a capital outlay of £1 billion which, it says, could be financed by cuts in current spending and the large-scale disposal of buildings and land owned by the Property Services Agency and the nationalised industries.

The ABCS says that it accepts the case made out in a recent joint study by the Institute for Fiscal Studies and the London Business School, that an enhanced infrastructure programme would be the most effective means of creating new jobs, and thus stimulating demand.

"Our National Council," the submission says, "is unanimous in preferring an increase in demand through an increase in wage-earning employment, rather than by an increase in the after-tax income of those already in work."

But, it adds, a programme of infrastructure investment is "justifiable in its own right and not as some speedy and easy way of 'solving' unemployment."

The ABCS argues that any such programme would need to be spread across a wide field and not concentrated wholly on road building. The projects it recommends are:

- Improving communications (the construction and/or improvement of roads and the electrification of railways).
- Clearing derelict land.
- Improving the water and sewerage systems.
- Making direct or indirect contributions to the repair, maintenance, improvement and replacement of the housing stock.

The chamber also calls for the imposition of a ceiling on business rates and introduction of a programme to reduce National Insurance contributions made by both employers and employees.

## Hope for cut in bank rates

By Hamish McTear

Financial Editor  
The authorities are understood to hope that despite poor money supply and borrowing figures this week, the markets will still allow a cut in bank base rates from their present level of 14 per cent.

But the Treasury suspects that the underlying growth of money supply for several months may have been faster than the official figures suggest. This is because the rate at which money is being turned over—the velocity of circulation—may itself have risen sharply, while the figures themselves seemed under reasonable control.

Contrary to some reports, the Treasury has no plan to set a specific target for bank base rates. Thus there is no particular aim to see base rates back to 12 per cent, but no further. But the Treasury accepts that to bring money supply securely into the middle of its target range, it will not be possible for there to be any early return to base rates in single figures.

Money supply targets are in any case intended to be cut to complete the budget under the Government's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Though the money supply figures, to be published on Tuesday, are the centre of the market's attention, the Treasury is more also to be deeply concerned about the trend of public spending. This is likely to push the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement above £10 billion this year, that is £21 billion above target level.

In recent speeches the Chancellor has argued that the latest fall in the pound on the exchanges has caused a rethink of budget arithmetic, cutting the scope for tax cuts. This, in theory, would be because the fall of sterling tends both to boost demand for exports and to encourage the substitution of home-produced goods for more expensive imports. The Government would therefore have to compensate for this by taking a tighter fiscal stance.

But in fact the leeway for tax cuts in the budget had already been whittled away even before sterling's recent fall. By government over-spending, both by departments and by local authorities, as well as by the additional cost of the miners' strike.

The Government's new worries about the velocity of circulation are additional to concern over the money figures themselves.

## Westland boss lobbies for helicopter programme

By Maggie Brown

Westland, Britain's only helicopter manufacturer, is mounting an intensive Whitehall lobbying campaign backed by the Department of Trade and Industry, aimed at persuading Defence Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine to commit £500 million this spring for a fleet of troop transport helicopters.

Sir Basil Blackwell, chief executive and deputy chairman of the Yeovil-based firm said yesterday that if the MoD delays or hangs fire until next year, then the consequences will be serious for the company, but not catastrophic.

At the root of the lobbying is Westland's desperate need for a large, secure order for its WC 30 transport helicopters, which have been developed since 1979 at a cost of £150 million, including DTI backing of £40 million as both a civilian and military vehicle. It was in fact designed to help Westland expand from being solely dependent on the military.

Sir Basil says Westland has secured civilian orders worth £100 million for the WC but not sufficient to justify further

development, but has so far failed to secure a "degree of military commitment" from its traditional customer, the Ministry of Defence, now engrossed in efforts to hold down military spending.

It is urging that MoD commit itself to buying 100 upgraded WC30 helicopters for delivery from 1988 onward which will be used by the RAF to fly Army troops around. But the project called Sir Staff Target 404 (AST) will be necessary, and French and American helicopters are also being evaluated for the task. Up to now the MoD has bought British helicopters.

The lobbying is being presented in crisis terms. Sir Basil said yesterday: "I wouldn't want anyone to think that the world comes to an end without the order."

He also denied that the company faced the prospect of virtually empty helicopters, DTI backing of £40 million as both a civilian and military vehicle. The Royal Navy contract for replacement Sea Kings, and a recently won £85 million from India for the W30, which runs until 1990, but is an order heavily dependent on UK Government aid. But these "aid" would be significant against the security



Sir Basil Blackwell

represented by the AST project, if it goes Westland's way. The RAF order would be worth £300 million for Westland, with spares and training adding an estimated £200 million to the total bill. The new helicopters, if ordered, would replace 60 ageing Wessex and 40 Puma helicopters.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

SOME 65 per cent of British organisations spend less than half a per cent of their annual turnover on training, according to a survey by the Industrial Society published today. The survey of 134 organisations in all areas of the economy is the first of its kind to be carried out.

Mr Gilles Desmons of the Industrial Society, who conducted the inquiry, said: "Britain seems to be spending substantially less on training than most of its competitors. Although direct comparisons are difficult, we know that some American companies are spending as much as 3 per cent of their sales revenue on training."

TWO years of static energy demand have outdated the demand forecasts made by the Government and the assumptions based on them, says a report published today. In October 1982, the Department of Energy told the Sizewell inquiry that, assuming the economy grew by 2.5 per cent, the demand for primary energy would be in the region of 375 million tonnes of coal equivalent by the end of the decade.

A NEW body to coordinate research and development in the offshore supply industry is called for in a report published today by the National Economic Development Office.

IRAN is prepared to begin shuttling crude oil this week from its Kharg Island oil terminal to ships waiting in the southern end of the Persian Gulf, foreign industry sources in Tehran report.

## Tax loophole remains open

By Peter Rodgers, City Editor

The Government has been unable to block a serious loophole in the more to deduction of tax at source on bank interest. All the big clearing banks confirmed yesterday that they would continue to offer deposit accounts in the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man which would pay interest gross.

The accounts can be opened through any High Street bank branch in mainland Britain, in a routine manner by asking for the facility. The accounts have the same interest rate and conditions as at mainland branches, but interest will not be deducted at source. It can be transferred to current accounts in mainland branches without obligation on the Channel Islands or Isle of Man branches to notify the Inland Revenue.

The Inland Revenue and the banks believe that the offshore accounts will not prove attractive

to taxpayers, who will still be fully liable to declare the interest they earn to the taxman at home. The interest will also be taxable at 30 per cent for basic rate taxpayers, compared with the standard rate of 25 per cent paid on interest when it is deducted at source under the new "composite rate," to be paid by the banks.

However for non-taxpayers, including children and old people, the offshore accounts would offer one of the few places, apart from National Savings where they could get interest without deduction of tax. Under the composite rate system, they cannot reclaim their tax. The benefits are passed on to paying depositors, who get the advantageous rate of 25 per cent as a result.

Although there is a tax advantage to ordinary taxpayers in getting interest at the composite rate, net of only 25 per cent tax, there would be a considerable benefit in moving to an offshore account. The first

year's interest would be assessed in arrears, after the tax returns are filed in.

Under the present system, which ends in April, banks are required to tell the Inland Revenue of all interest payments above a certain level, thought to be £150. However this reporting system has never existed for the Channel Islands and Isle of Man banks, including branches of the major British banks.

An Inland Revenue spokesman confirmed that there were no reporting arrangements and said that if the interest were paid to a mainland current account — this would not come within the reporting requirements either. NatWest and Midland said that any of their interest-paying accounts could be opened offshore, through a mainland branch, while Barclays said its branches would only accept an offshore deposit of more than £2,000.

## CBI sets up skills agency

By Maggie Brown

A new national agency which aims to tackle the shortages in information technology is being set up by the Confederation of British Industry with the support of a major electronics, computer and engineering companies.

The Information Technology Skills Agency will be adding its pressure for a broader range of technical, useful skills — maths, physics and computer studies — to be taught at schools, and for the expansion of computer sciences, electronics, systems and software engineering places at polytechnics and universities. This is designed to increase the flow of suitable employees for industry.

The initiative has been encouraged by the Government, although the House of Lords Science & Technology select committee has just said the problem is so complex that a body with government funding should be set up at the Science & Engineering Research Council.

The CBI's IT Skills Agency will be chaired by Sir Robert Clayton, former technical director of GEC, one of the supporting companies, and a member of the University Grants Committee. It will also try to make sure businesses upgrade and update their technical staff, and offer them conversion courses to new skills.

Meanwhile, university plans

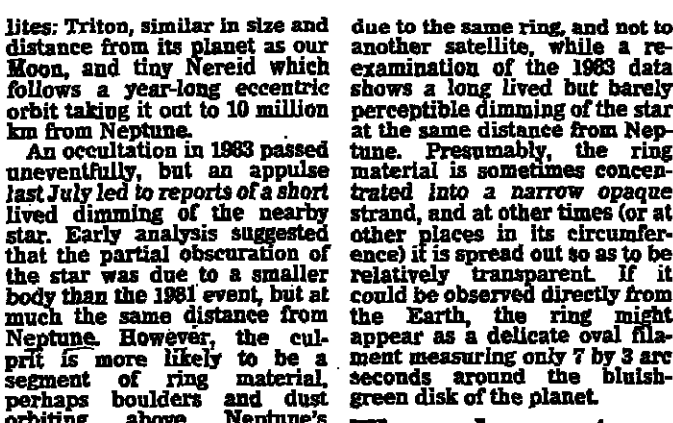
to help meet the growing skills shortages by setting up information technology institutes to train extra graduates could be in danger of running out of steam because of government indecision about finding the funding for extra students.

Salford University, at a recent meeting with government ministers, was dismayed to be told that no decision on its bold initiative for an IT institute had been made, and says it is in danger of missing the academic year 1985, let alone its target start date of October 1985. Mr Ian Powell, Salford's deputy registrar, says: "Our meeting was very frustrating. There was no sign of when to expect a decision either."

## THE NIGHT SKY: February 1985 by Alan Pickup

### Ring for Neptune

The maps show the planets and brighter stars as they appear at 22.00 GMT on February 1, 21.00 GMT on February 15, and 20.00 GMT on February 28. The motions of Mars (M) and Venus (V) during the second half of the month are shown by the arrows.



like Triton, similar in size and distance from its planet as our Moon, and tiny Nereid which follows a year-long eccentric orbit taking it out to 10 million km from Neptune.

An occultation in 1983 passed uneventfully, but an appulse last July led to reports of a short lived dimming of the nearby star. Early analysis suggested that the partial obscuration of the star was due to a smaller body than the 1981 event, but at much the same distance from Neptune. However, the culprit is more likely to be a segment of ring material, perhaps boulders and dust orbiting above Neptune's equator about 76,400 km from its centre.

The 1981 event was probably

due to the same ring, and not to another satellite, while a re-examination of the 1983 data shows a long lived but barely perceptible dimming of the star at the same distance from Neptune. Presumably the ring material is somewhat concentrated into a narrow opaque strand, and at other times (or at other places in its circumference) it is spread out so as to be relatively transparent. If it could be observed directly from the Earth, the ring might appear as a delicate oval filament measuring only 7 by 3 arc seconds around the bluish-green disk of the planet.

The solar system

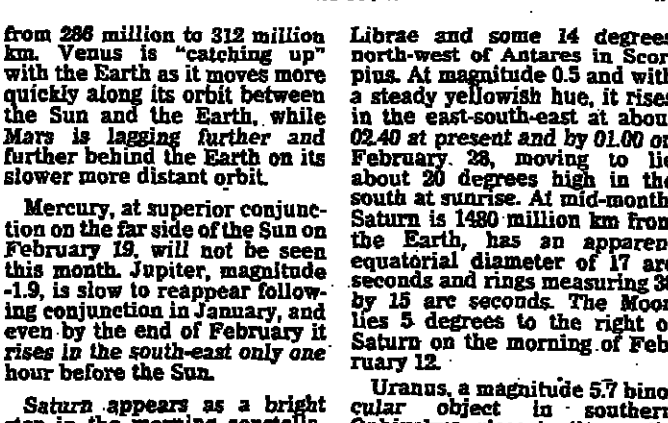
Venus has the leading role in a star studied evening sky this month, and reaches its greatest brilliancy at magnitude -4.6 on February 28. At present, it stands some 34 degrees high in the south-south-west at sunset, moving to set in the west at about 21.30 GMT. By the month's end, it stands further to the west at sunset and follows a more northerly arc to the west-north-western horizon where it sets at 21.50. As its distance falls from 92 million km to 62 million km, Venus swells from 27 to 40 arc seconds in diameter and changes from 46% to 26% sunlit.

The small but brilliant crescent form should be evident in binoculars later in the month, and might be glimpsed without optical aid as the planet slips closer to inferior conjunction between the Sun and Earth

at the beginning of April. Look for Venus to "catch up" with the Earth as it moves more quickly along its orbit between the Sun and the Earth, while Mars is lagging further and further behind the Earth on its slower more distant orbit.

Mercury, at superior conjunction on the far side of the Sun on February 13, will not be seen this month. Jupiter, magnitude -1.9, is slow to reappear following conjunction in January, and rises by the end of February it rises in the south-east only one hour before the Sun.

Saturn appears as a bright star in the morning constellation Libra, moving slowly eastwards against the stars less than 4 degrees south-east of Gamma



Libra and some 14 degrees north-west of Asarum in Scorpius. At magnitude 0.5 and with a steady yellowish hue, it rises at 02.40 at present and by 01.00 on February 28, moving to lie about 20 degrees high in the south at sunrise. At mid-month, Saturn is 1480 million km from the Earth, has an apparent equatorial diameter of 17 arc seconds and rings measuring 38 by 15 arc seconds. The Moon lies 6 degrees to the right of Saturn on the morning of February 12.

Uranus, a magnitude 5.7 binocular object in southern Ophiuchus, rises in the south-east two hours after Saturn, followed by Neptune, magnitude 8.0 in Sagittarius, one hour

later. Both faint planets are far to the south of the celestial equator and poorly placed for study from our northern latitudes.

A Christmas nova  
The brightest nova of 1984 was found in the small constellation of Vulpecula, between Cygnus and Aquila, by the amateur astronomer Peter Collins in California on December 22. From magnitude 4.5 at discovery, it brightened to perhaps magnitude 5.5 on about Christmas Day, and then began its fade back to obscurity. Although visible in the western evening sky during December, Vulpecula has now moved to the eastern morning sky where the nova may still be visible through binoculars.

## Diary

Feb 3 18.45 Minimum of Aigel.  
Feb 12 02.00 Venus 3 deg N of Mars.  
Feb 12 08.00 Moon at first quarter.  
Feb 12 15.00 Saturn 3 deg N of Moon.  
Feb 14 02.00 Uranus 2 deg N of Moon.  
Feb 15 06.00 Neptune 4 deg N of Moon.  
Feb 15 19.00 New moon.  
Feb 16 02.00 Venus 5 deg N of Mars.  
Feb 17 10.00 Jupiter 4 deg N of Moon.  
Feb 19 08.00 Mercury in superior conjunction.  
Feb 22 02.00 Venus 5 deg N of Mars.  
Feb 22 08.00 Saturn 3 deg N of Moon.  
Feb 23 02.00 Uranus 2 deg N of Moon.  
Feb 25 18.00 Mars at greatest brilliancy.  
Feb 26 00.00 Moon at first quarter.



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## Thriving in an electronic climate

### BUSINESS PEOPLE

**Maggie Brown talks to a man of action in a modern-day ivory tower**



Sir Henry Chilver: Britain's chief technologist

A LONG line of battered briefcases stands temporarily abandoned against the wall of Sir Henry Chilver's spacious, otherwise austere office at Cranfield Institute of Technology.

They have been hurriedly dumped by a man of action, and provide the only visual hint of the neo-Victorian rigour by this intense, elegant, academic go-getter whose ability to thrive in the harsh electronic times of 1985 seems in direct contrast to the experiences of the dons of Oxford.

For, in a series of ever-upward progressions under both former Labour and current Conservative administrations, Sir Henry (knighthood by Jagger) has emerged from his Cranfield power-base to become — effectively — Britain's chief technologist, the leading exponent of the crucial but hitherto neglected art of applying research efforts to useful products for industry and commerce. A master, too, at getting industry to fund research, something universities are only just getting down to.

Sir Henry is an academic engineer, the product of traditional universities and honours — Bristol, Cambridge, London. But since 1970 when he became the first vice-chancellor of Cranfield he has

increasingly struck out on an independent path. He has fashioned his own special ivory tower — actually an upgraded aeronautics college on an air base near Milton Keynes — into a unique, profit-making corporation.

### Heavenly manna to government

Its business is applied education, contract research for industry, and spin-off profit-making developments, but all focused on short and long-term post-graduate courses for about 5,000 students a year in industrial and technological topics.

There is nothing else like it in Britain: CIT is our nearest faint equivalent to MIT, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It has to hold down artificially the percentage of foreign students — Japanese included — clamouring to get in.

Here at Cranfield, we are genuinely trying to be part of the system, contributing to it, rather than standing off," he says.

He speaks approvingly of the teaching hospital, where student doctors and researchers learn on real patients, as an ideal forum for learning. Industry is more complicated, but Cranfield has six spin-off companies already harvesting away its lectures are encouraged to set them up within the university frame-

work, and although they are tenured and get standard university pay, it is supplemented by the degree of outside work brought in: the average uplift is between 10-20 per cent.

At a time when Oxford University turns up a donnish nose in protest at Mrs Thatcher's education cuts and refuses her an honorary degree, his stance and words are heavenly manna and music to government. Cranfield's gross income rises each year. It jumped by a third to £40 millions in 1984.

Of this £7 millions was a one-off gain from winning the Defence Ministry contract against competition from Southampton and Loughborough Universities, to run the Royal College of Military Science.

This expands Cranfield's influence on to a new "campus," at Shrivenham, near Swindon, and the M4 technology belt, and it is beginning to feel the Chilver push. "You will see the industrial income of Shrivenham build up. That is my policy, not just to get defence industries on to the campus, but to expand the overall spin-off from defence education into teaching and research," he says.

Sir Henry is not, in fact, a Thatcherite — he is regarded as a pliable man, who bends with the political wind. Businessmen have long recog-

nised his commercial nous, and have rewarded him. He sits on four company boards, including that of Hill Samuel, the merchant bank, and he fully understands the workings of Whitehall, the public sector. He was chairman of the Post Office between 1980 and 1981, and increasingly, it seems, the City.

He is performing a crucial money-raising task in helping to set up the controversial independent Information Technology Institute at Milton Keynes — as chairman of the Milton Keynes Development Corporation where a site should be the least of the worries.

The IT Institute, which he claims is more or less on target, in spite of Government dithering about whether to expand the overall education budget for extra places, has produced a real bout of sniping against Cranfield.

### The first college of manufacturing

Even Sir Henry's supporters raise doubts about the value of a go-it-alone college, unattached to a traditional undergraduate body of students and facilities. It has also loosened arrows from the traditional academic world, which is making its bid for more resources to expand in crucial areas of skills shortages.

## Shading in on this winter's discontent

**John Torode asks whether the TUC and the CBI can sort out the problem of union recognition**



### WORKING BRIEF

describe as "a union-free environment." Otherwise they attempt to hand over the odds and deliberately provide the best possible conditions. If you can keep the union out (or under control) at the price of a few potted plants, a decent, one-class canteen and a generous incentive bonus scheme then you are on a winner. No need to drag on your staff when they accept non-unionism or "new unionism" voluntarily.

"Rebels" in union branches are also denied the legal right to change unions or launch their own do-it-yourself effort if they feel neglected and ill-used. Long before the NUM came under strain, such different groups as Daily Telegraph journalists, British Leyland toolmakers, British Rail signallers, Heathrow maintenance workers and assorted dockers had flirted with the prospect of taking themselves off to do business elsewhere.

All such efforts were stifled at birth. No TUC affiliate would accept an application from a breakaway branch of another union. The TUC would not accept a "breakaway" as an independent union, however democratic and representative. Ask the Notts miners. And few traditional employers would do business with a breakaway.

This catch-as-catch-can is largely a product of union attitudes in the 1970s when they could write their own ticket. When Michael Foot was at Employment, his officials virtually invited the TUC to ask for legislation rationalising and democratising — union recruitment

STAFF at the headquarters of the Royal National Institute for the Blind struck briefly last week. They were demanding recognition for their union, the National Union of Journalists and the print union Sogat '82. As a result, production of braille books for the blind was disrupted. Had the media not been so involved with the coming collapse (or otherwise) of the pit strike, the guilty men would undoubtedly have been not merely named but well and truly nailed to the wall.

Short of leaving the dead unburied or setting up porters' societies to decide who merits urgent hospital attention, what worse could you do than deny the blind their bedside reader?

And yet, in context, what else could you do? The RNIB strikers claim (and let us accept their claim for the moment) that a majority of the media had already signed up with the NUJ or Sogat '82. If so, it is quite an achievement. An unrecognised union recruiting in a non-union context claims a majority membership.

A lot of potential recruits refuse to sign on the dotted line (and pay their subs) because they think it will brand them as troublemakers with the boss. Others say they would be delighted to join once the union is recognised. Until then, they would rather keep their couple of quid a week. Why pay something for nothing?

So Sogat '82 and the NUJ have both scored a formal democratic success and, in a cold, hard world, chalked up a thumping recruiting triumph. All of which is irrelevant to the question of whether or not they gain recognition.

There is no obligation in British law for an employer to recognise any union, however representative. Equally, he can, if he so desires and has the clout to get away with it, drag his employees into a union which they may not think to be much cop.

That is one reason why "sunrise" companies, new and small and British-based or small and British-based and headquartered in the US or Japan, are increasingly able to create what their brochures

and recognition procedures. The answer was a polite "Thanks but no thanks."

In the days of their power and glory, our unions then preferred brute force and muddle to legalistic procedures. In the US, in contrast, unions have a legal right of access to an unorganised workforce. If the union can recruit a significant number of members, an independent agency is legally obliged to organise a recognition ballot. If enough workers vote for the union then the employer is under a legal obligation to recognise that union and to bargain with it "in good faith."

The downside, and there is always a downside, is that, if the ballot goes against the union (if the workers themselves decide they do not want to be organised) then it is an offence to put the screws on the boss to enforce recognition. Secondary strikes at his suppliers or customers, boycotts, mass pickets and the like are criminal offences until a couple of years have passed.

Think of the riots at Grunwick which such a scheme would have avoided. An independent ballot would have resolved the bitterly contested issue of percentage of employees who wanted a union. After that (whatever way the results came out) a hostile employer and a union with the bit between its teeth, would have had to accept democratic decision making and the law of the land.

So, too, with breakaways. There is, in the US, a set legal procedure which a "local" union has to follow if it wishes to take its custom elsewhere, either by going it alone or by signing up with a new national union. If that is followed then, once again, the employer ends up with an obligation to recognise and bargain with the rebels. If such a prospect had been on Arthur Scargill's mind this time last year he might have paid more attention to the constitution and conventions of his union.

Two years after the bitterness of the 1926 general strike and the eventual smashing of the miners' six-month stoppage, "moderate" industrialists led by Sir Alfred Mond and union bosses chaired by Ben Turner of the TUC drew up new, collaborative rules for the industrial relations game. Sometime within the next 12 months I confidently expect similar talks. High on the list is likely to be some way of rationalising and democratising union recognition. With luck it will help those who perform socially administrative functions as well as producing braille books for the blind.

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6.55 SUPERSTARS: The Townsend Thoresen  
Junior Superstars Championship. The  
year's young finalists compete in eight  
events at RAF Cosford and Farnham Park,  
Shropshire

7.40 SUBMARINE: Polar: Taking the Black  
Pig to the Sea. On how a man went stir-  
crazy living on HMS Repulse.

8.10 PANORAMA: How Much Longer? As the  
Commons at last debates the coal dispute  
Peter Taylor reports from Arthur Scar-  
gill's heartland near Barnsley on the  
strikers' determination to go to the bitter  
end. He also reveals how the National  
Working Miners' Committee has, with the  
help of the NCB, been helping to com-  
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9.00 NEWS: weather

9.25 MIAMI VICE: The glitzy new million-  
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series from America opens with a feature-  
length taster introducing our uneasy  
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an enigma - can Crockett trust him? If it  
sounds a little reminiscent of Starsky and  
Hutch, look closer. The clothes - by  
Versace - are infinitely snappier and  
pricier, the settings are authentic art-  
deco sleazy maybe, but attuned to a  
tertiary colour scheme - acid yellows and  
cobalt blues against shiny black hot  
nasties against brilliant white.

11.00 FAMINE IN SUDAN: A SPECIAL  
REPORT. Reporter Richard Kershaw and  
producer Desmond Lapsley went to the  
Sudan to make a film for World About Us  
but their report - which shows that the  
worst is yet to come - is so grim that it has  
been rushed to the screen. Kershaw shows  
how the 30 million starving Sudanese  
inhabitants have problems of their own  
before the deadly influx of Ethiopian  
refugees began. 11.55 Weather: close.

Wales: 5.25 pm interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today.  
6.30-6.55 Indoor Rugby. Scotland: 4.55-5.10 pm Superscot.

## BBC-2

9.00 am Pages from Ceefax 9.15 Daytime  
on Two: Job Bank 9.35 Going to Work 10.00  
Yon Yon Me 10.15 Music Time 10.30  
British Social History: 11.00 Zig Zag Ceefax  
sub-titles: 11.23 La Marea et Ses Secrets;  
11.42 General Studies: 12.10 pm Up the  
YTS Report: 12.40 Plants in Action: 1.35  
Rockschool: 1.30 Pages from Ceefax: 1.38  
Scotland this Century: 2.00 Words and  
Pictures: 2.18 Exploring Science: 2.40 The  
Music Arcade: 3.00 Pages from Ceefax.

5.25 NEWS with sub-titles; weather.

5.30 WORLD SKIING CHAMPIONSHIPS.  
David Vine reporting from Bormio.

6.00 ONE DESIRE. And that's Rock  
Hudson - with two dames fighting  
for him. Anne Baxter's turn comes  
round, in the Hollywood Ladies  
season - though Jerry Hopper's  
feeble 1935 costume soap about  
saloon gas. Tracey's turn with a  
bank president's daughter. Isn't  
much of a jewel in the crown of her  
career.

7.35 FLOWER OF THE MONTH: Daffodils.  
Geoffrey Smith with the low-  
down on raising a Wordsworthian  
home in your own garden.

7.45 VEGETARIAN KITCHEN. Sarah  
Brown rolls back her sleeves to  
produce two types of wholemeal  
pastry.

8.10 THE BOB MONKHOUSE SHOW.  
More eyeball-swivelling innuendo  
with Bob - this week joined by  
magician Paul Daniels, Thatcher-  
woman Janet Brown, and songsmith  
Sammy Cahn.

9.00 HILARY. Another tartly-attired  
episode in the series that's giving  
television researchers a bad name.

9.30 HORIZON: Mystery of the Left Hand.  
Architects, computer designers, top  
tennis players, and twins are often  
left-handed. More boys than girls are  
left-handed. Ten times as many left-  
handers have trouble learning to  
read and write as right-handers.  
Harvard Professor Norman  
Geschwind has forged a controver-  
sial theory to explain it all - starting  
with the fact that people are left-  
handed because the right hemi-  
spheres of their brains are domi-  
nant. The balance, he thinks, being  
determined in the womb by the level  
of the male sex hormone testoster-  
one, and the fetus's sensitivity to it.

10.20 SEABROOK'S YEAR: 4. Summer.  
Don Haworth's continuing portrait of  
the shepherd and farm worker  
Richard Seabrook, as he takes his  
lambs to market in July - and finds  
out in a day whether a year's work  
has paid off, or not.

10.50 NEWSNIGHT.

11.35 TELEJOURNAL 12.5 Close.

## ITV London

6.15 am Good Morning Britain 9.25 News  
Headlines: Schools: Picture Box: 9.47  
Let's Read: 10.15 Music Time: 10.30  
Look Listen: 10.35 Starting Science: 10.52  
The English Programme: 11.2 Seeing and  
Doing: 11.30 Junior Maths: 11.35 The  
French Programme: 12.0 Tickle on the  
Tum: 12.10 pm Let's Pretend 12.30 Voices  
in the Dark 1.00 News: 1.20 Thames News.  
1.30 Film: Dodsword, 1936 drama with  
Walter Huston, Ruth Chatterton. 2.25 News  
Headlines: 3.30 The Young Doctors: 4.0  
Tickle on the Tum: 4.15 The Moomins: 4.25  
He-Man and Masters of the Universe: 4.40  
Chocky's Children: 5.15 Emmerdale Farm.

5.45 NEWS: weather.

6.00 THAMES NEWS with Andrew Gar-  
ner and Tina Jenkins.

6.25 HELP! with Viv Taylor Gee. Oracle  
sub-titles.

6.35 CROSSROADS.

7.0 AUTOMANIA: Transports of  
Delight. Julian Pettifer investigates  
the car as dream machine and movie  
star - with clips from what qualify  
as rare, early car films, co-features  
the likes of Charlie Chaplin, W.C.  
Fields, Joseph Cotten, plus later  
examples with Lee Majors, Ryan  
O'Neal, David Hasselhoff and Toot  
Tie. 7.40 Film: A Visit to an  
Aladdin's Cave of car films - and  
a look at an eccentric who runs a  
grass-covered car. Oracle sub-titles.

7.30 CORONATION STREET. Oracle sub-  
titles.

8.0 FULL HOUSE: Little Secrets. Pri-  
gish Paul aims to prove that a high-  
tech housewife is a better housewife  
- but he fails, rather, in the unfunny  
sitcom about house-sharing couples.  
Oracle sub-titles.

8.30 WORLD IN ACTION.

9.0 QUINCY: The Law is a Fool. Per-  
spective pathologist Quincy (Jack  
Klugman) prevents a kidnapper  
exploiting a loophole in the legal  
system - in an episode storylined by  
Klugman himself (he's not just a  
craggy face, you know).

10.0 NEWS AT TEN. Thames News Head-  
lines.

10.30 A BLACK VEIL FOR LISA. Turgid  
Italian-German effort, directed by  
Massimo Dallamano 1969, stars  
pool-digger John Mills as the depressed  
husband of a woman whose husband  
would-be informants are being  
croaked before they can talk by a  
ruthless dope ring. And his  
gorgeous, pouting young wife seems  
to be all too intimately acquainted  
with the sinister smugglers.

12.10 NIGHT THOUGHTS with Monsignor  
John Crowley. Closedown.

## Channel 4

2.35 pm Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day  
War. 12. The Village War. 3.0 The Late Late  
Show. 4.0 A Plus 4.30 Countdown.

5.0 ALICE: Alice's Decision. The sing-  
ing waitress gets a boost to her  
career, and blows it with hiccoughs.

5.30 ME AND MY MICRO: 5. Matchem.  
Fred Harris with the last in the  
repeat series on how to get the most  
out of your micro.

6.0 WHERE IN THE WORLD? Ray  
Alan's tedious travel quiz, with the  
modestly famous guests.

6.30 BABY, BABY: 4. Bringing Up Baby.  
More about parenthood from  
increasingly twee Tube presenters  
Jools Holland and Paula Yates.

7.0 CHANNEL FOUR NEWS 7.50 Com-  
ment, by Belfast Housing Welfare  
Officer Brian Montague. Weather.

8.0 BROOKSIDE.

8.30 RELATIVE STRANGERS. Matthew  
Kelly's hirsute bachelor Fitz tries to  
fix a job in pompous Percy's do-it-  
yourself shop for son John, product  
of a holiday romance, in the horrible  
sitcom.

9.0 HEAVEN, MAN, EARTH. Not to be  
missed: Laurens Postma's gripping  
documentary (recently selected for  
the London Film Festival and the  
Festival Del Popoli in Florence)  
examines the operations of the notori-  
ous hatchet-wielding Triads secret  
society in corrupt Hong Kong, where  
they're heavily into the entertain-  
ment industry, as well as other more  
obviously shady businesses. With  
footage of a Triad ceremony, Triad  
members spilling the beans about a  
visit to the Triad stronghold of  
walled Kowloon, shots of opium  
dens, etc.

10.30 ST ELSEWHERE: Hello and Good-  
bye. Exit the over-excited staff of the  
St Elgus teaching hospital, for the  
moment anyway. They'll be back  
alas, in the autumn.

11.25 COURT REPORT: Regina v. Ponting.

11.55 SCOTLAND YARD: The Ghost Train  
Murder. More sordid sludge and  
bizarre, but this time a murder in-  
vestigation, as intrepid Duggan in-  
vestigates a stabbing in a fairground  
tunnel. 12.55 Close.

S4C: 1.0 pm Countdown. 1.30 Face the  
Press. 2.0 Flenestri. 2.30 Mali a Malydin.  
2.55 Am Gymru. 3.00 Ewyl. 3.15 Film:  
That Night in Rio. 1941 musical with  
Don Ameche, Alice Faye, Carmen Miranda.  
4.50 Dan Dargatzis. 5.0 Eitem Dargatzis.  
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dion Smith. 7.30 Dier. 7.40 Dier. 8.0  
9.0 V. C. 9.10 Dier. 9.20 Dier. 9.30  
Hetty King - Performer. 10.30 Families.  
11.5 Billiards. 11.55 The Other Side of  
The Tracks. 12.55 Didd.

## Radio 1

6.0 am Adrian John 7.0 Mike Read 8.0  
Simon Bates. 10.0 Gary Davies 2.30  
Gary Byrd. 5.0 Bruno Brookes. 7.30  
Janice Long 10.12-10.15 midnight John  
Peel.

## Radio 2

4.0 am Colin Berry 6.0 Ray Moore 8.5  
Ken Bruce. 10.30 Paul Heiney. 1.5 pm  
David Jacobs. 2.0 Gloria Hunniford.  
2.30 Music all the Way. 4.0 David  
Hamilton. 6.0 John Dunn. 8.0 Alan  
Dell. Dance Band Days: Big Band Era.  
9.0 Humphrey Lyttelton. 10.0 Some of  
these Days. 10.30 Star Sound. 11.0 Brian  
Matthew. 1.0 am Charles Nova. 3.0-4.0  
Folk on 2.

## Radio 3

6.55 Weather.

9.0 News: Morning Concert.

9.0 News: This Week's Composer:  
Alban Berg (born February 9,  
1885). Seven Early Songs  
(Heather Harper/BBC  
SO/Boulez). Four Pieces  
(Anthony Pay, clarinet, Daniel  
Barenboim, piano). Violin Con-  
certo (Arthur Schnabel/Markertch).  
10.0 Schumann: Sonata in F sharp  
minor. Michael Leslie (piano).  
10.35 Tchaikovsky: Suite No 3. Vienna  
PO/Mazez.

11.15 Alan Bush and Britten. Bush:  
Cantata for tenor and piano -  
Voices of the Prophets. Britten:  
Winter Words. Kenneth Brown  
(tenor). Geoffrey Farnham (piano).  
12.0 Edward Downes Conducts the  
BBC Philharmonic with ladies' voices  
of the BBC Northern Singers.  
Holst: The Planets.

1.0 News: BBC Lunchtime Concerts:  
Dong Suk Kang (violin). Pascal  
Devoyon (piano). Lekeu: Sonata  
(1891). Ravel: Sonata in G.  
2.0 Music Weekly: Puccini's La Ron-  
dine; Nigel Osborne: Berg cen-  
tenary.

2.45 New Records: Johann Melchior  
Moser: Trumpet Concerto No 2  
(Wynton Marsalis/ECOL/Leppard).  
Mozart: Divertimento in E flat  
(members of the Amadeus Quartet).  
Beethoven: Fidelio (from the  
Gellie/Gellie/Fischer-Dieskau/Hall-  
mut Hollt/Schumann: Three  
Fantasy Pieces (Anthony Pay,  
clarinet, Ian Brown, piano).  
3.0 Roger Varley and Fugue on a  
theme of A. Hiller (Bavarian  
RSO/Columbia).

4.55 News: Mainly for Pleasure.  
5.0 Music for the City. Gillen in  
the Franciscan Church, Limerick.  
Gillman: Premiere Sym-  
phonie.

7.0 The Good and the Great. Exami-  
ners Briefing. 9.0 News Briefing.  
10.0 Calendar. 10.30 Government appointed com-  
mittees. Speakers include Lord  
Franks who headed the inquiry  
into the origins of the Falklands  
War, and Lady Wootton, C. 2.0  
Close As Radio 4.

7.45 Verdi's Opera: Don Carlos. The  
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## World Service

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Western Europe on medium wave 648 kHz  
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